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DEDICATION

To Jesus Christ the first begotten of the dead who
cleansed me from sin with His precious blood and set
me free

And

To my wife Umuteme Adokiye Obele, an epitome of
love

HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

This book is a compilation of sermons as preached on the pulpit depicting the spirituality behind the message contained. When you want to study, have a fresh bath and sit down in a serene environment believing and expecting to have a conversation with God. Don't rush this book, as you would do a novel or any other literature material.



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INTRODUCTION

It is time we move into the realm of immortality in every facet of our lives. There comes a time in life when we ought to embark on one journey or the other in search for a treasure, and now is the time. Following the ending of the 430 years of sojourning in the land of Egypt, God made the Israelites to embark on a journey that changed their entire world forever - an experience they and the world will not forget in a hurry.

Though the Israelites had been passing through slavery-induced hard times in Egypt, they might have been used to the day-to-day hardship they see with little or no hope of deliverance.

This therefore suffices to say that when Moses told them that they were going to leave their immediate home for an unknown home - a life in the wilderness in a three days journey, they may have also welcomed this development with mixed feelings, and resist this move for emancipation. They went through the ordeals occasioned by the plagues of God upon the Egyptians seeing the deaths of many placating the land of Egypt. These plagues and the subsequent increase in their labour with little or no food was enough to discourage them, yet they made it across the Red sea under the leading of the Lord.

A replay of this is seen in John 4:23 where God is calling out to us into a spiritual realm of truth so that He will shine His light on our path daily (Isaiah 42:16). Christ informing the Samaritan woman usually not regarded by the Jews of this new journey into the supernatural explains the importance of this journey to mankind.

In the same way Christ informed Nicodemus about two kinds of birth - born of the Spirit or of the flesh (John 3:6). He made it clear in John 4:23-24 that the physical being cannot offer spiritual sacrifices unto the Lord of hosts; the kind of sacrifice that God appreciates. The Holy Spirit of God is here beckoning on you to come and experience a new life - the life in the supernatural so that you can exist in the fullness of God and be blessed by Him.

Beyond this visible world, exists a community of immortal beings attending to the spiritual needs of humans. This fact is known by many, yet only few have discovered what is involved in associating with this invisible realm (Matthew 7:14). God is still being perceived by many as a being who is far away somewhere in the clouds.

The subject of existing in the supernatural is beyond human comprehension, yet attainable. In John 4:23, Christ made it clear that those who must worship God must do so in spirit and in truth. This leaves every

Believer with one choice – attaining a level of Spiritual Intelligence (SI) that will enable them to commune with God. Elisha saw the transformation that took place when Elijah was taken to heaven because he was in the Spirit. Moses was also in the spirit when he spoke with God face to face. God described David as a man after His own heart because David was more spiritually intelligent than any man that lived then – the psalms of David can testify to this assertion, which he claimed were given to him by God to enable him understand Him - 1 Chronicles 28:19: *All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me...*

In this book, we shall explain how one may establish a more intimate relationship with God. We will be discussing the transformation of the human spirit and the Spirit of God, and how this affects the life we live here on Earth.

It became necessary to revise the original text in order to explain in more detail the purpose of the Holy Spirit and more insight on the relationship between the human heart, soul and mind. The text was also edited and modified in some cases to better drive home the point being explained. I thank all those who sent in their commendations and remarks on the first edition. This revised edition is augmented and offer better formatting, while still retaining the strong spiritual tone of the first edition, if not stronger.

Introduction

As you soak yourself in the revelations offered in this book, you will experience what happens in the realm of the supernatural when “deep calleth unto deep.”

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CHAPTER ONE

PURPOSE MEANS HOW

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth – John 4:23-24

And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God – Galatians 4:6-7

Believers' spiritual maturity in the faith they professes relies in their ability to walk in the path that leads to righteousness when their souls have been restored by God – Psalms 23:3. I see this path of growth as involving *Initiation* into the Christian fold through believing in Christ, an *Intimation* process through personal communion with Christ and an *Implantation* process through being sown into the vineyard of God as a seed that will grow, becoming the planting of the Lord

and bearing abiding fruits in His Kingdom. These processes will enable Believers to know where they are at the moment and what would happen to them when Christ returns. Every Believer needs to be in the Spirit to exist with God due to the fact that He is a Spirit. Many people are yet to see God, even as Believers, because they do not have the perfect knowledge and understanding of who He is. The Bible says in Matthew 5:8 says: 'blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God'. Also, Jesus espouses that those who must have this knowledge and understanding of God must be as perfect as God – Matthew 5:48.

When we live in the spirit in thoughts and reasoning, we start perceiving and experiencing the presence of God, which now helps us to also know how God looks like, explaining why we must be pure in heart, for instance. Since we are created by God, in His image and likeness, it is of importance therefore to say that anytime we look into the eyes of our brethren, closely, we wil also start feeling God's presence as they breathe, and seeing God through their eyes - Genesis 1:26.

The word of God says in John 4:23-24: *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

People have been looking for God – the reason behind all the cults and religious practices, and moving from mountain to the hills (Jeremiah 50:6). But the fact remains that God walks on this Earth, among us as His spoken and revealed word. Why do we usually invite someone into a meeting if not to hear what he or she would say? With recent technological innovations, live meetings are now held online without physically seeing one another, and so, if we would draw an analogy from here, we will see that we are in the midst of the immortal world already because of the encounters humans had with God recorded in the Bible, and the many revelations we do have of what God expects from in our present dispensation. In Isaiah 1:18, the Lord called out that we should reason with Him; the more we read and ponder over His word the more we discuss with Him.

Also in John 7:37-38, Jesus called out: ... *If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* Why this invitation if there was no need to exist in the supernatural? The means to this spiritual nature of life is further explained in Galatians 4:6-7: *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

I understood this better when the Lord gave me an illustration on the 5th of November 2014: He explained –

‘anyone can announce the beauty and the opportunities in a land to attract foreigners and investors, but only one institution have the power that will enable the investor or anyone visiting the land to have a fulfilling life there - the representative of government.’ This is how it is with us. Many people have received the message of salvation, deliverance and prosperity, but few have received the power to enjoy the freedom that the Kingdom of God has to offer.

As we go further into this discussion, this assertion will become clearer to us so as to enable us reap the beauty of walking with God in spirit and in truth. This far said, we should also know that what defines our relationship with God is the love of God.

UNDERSTANDING THE LOVE OF GOD

If you look around and see all the provisions, which God have put in place – the sun, moon, wind, breeze, animals, your neighbours, etc., and how these provisions have benefitted you, it would be right to say that God loves you more than you love yourself. Many waters cannot quench the love of God for you - Song 8:7. The decisions we make and the solutions we proffer to our problems are very different from what God will do to rescue us from the same predicament in most cases. This we can assert from Genesis 3:7, where the Bible

recorded that after Adam and Eve had sinned against God, and they discovered that they were naked, they decided to cover their nakedness with fig leaves as they hide in the shame they brought upon themselves. When God came down from heaven to fellowship with them, and He called out to Adam who told Him they were naked, God felt disappointed because Adam betrayed Him; acting against the instruction of God not to eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden.

God, knowing that the fig leaves they had used as raiment will soon rot, He provided them with a lasting solution, making a clothing of animal skin for them to cover their nakedness - Genesis 3:21. Though I have also see this as God dressing them in the form they had been reduced to – animals, after they fell from grace. And to prepare them for the challenges they were going to face in the field with wild animals, it would be a wise reasoning to dress them in such a manner that will make the animals see Adam and Eve after their fall, as one of them.

This also explains why God also provided food and water for the Children of Israel through Moses in the wilderness when they were in need though they had rebelled against Him. In Psalms 78: 18, 23-29, we would see what the Psalmist says in reference to God's ever-faithful love:

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18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. 23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. 25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. 26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind. 27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: 28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. 29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

Why did He give them food from heaven so that His children can be fed to their fill if not to demonstrate His love for them? This is the same food meant for Angels. In other words, it could be seen that God reduced the quantity of food stocked for Angels in Heaven for their sake. This is love. I want us to take a good look at verses 18, 25 and 29. They asked after a kind of food that they know would be scarce in the wilderness, with the thought that God wouldn't provide it for them - verse 19: *Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"*

But, they were surprised when God gave them the same kind of food Angels were eating in Heaven, for God opened the door of heaven so as to rain food down for them in abundance. In verse 29 we are told that God gave them their heart desire. With this understanding, I see God causing the East and the South wind to bring

you blessings from His throne of abundance if only you can yield your heart to Him, in Jesus name. Amen. Though the Israelites' continuous lusts made them to forget about God and He visited them with pestilence – Psalms 78:30-31, God is not willing to disagree with our heartfelt needs. This same reason is why God would want us to exist with Him in His perfect order - the supernatural so that we would not ask amiss, but as led by His Spirit, which is His purpose, because this is the new order handed over to us by our Lord Jesus Christ through the help of the Spirit of God. This way we would benefit from His heavenly **Protection, Provision and Parenting** (3Ps benefit from God).

I am yet to see where it is written in the Bible that God paid Adam and Eve a visit to fellowship with them in the cool of the evening after they departed from the Garden of Eden, as He used to do while they were in the Garden. If Christ would invite us to live a spirit filled life so that we can worship God, that means, it is only when we exist in the 'Spirit' that we can be placed back into that beautiful garden man lost as a result of sin, so that God can touch our lives, ensuring that we are well clothed in His form and likeness.

The fact that God gave Adam and Eve animal skin by killing an innocent animal that did not commit the sin with them shows that our God is, indeed, a loving and caring God as we would see through the presence of His

promise to Noah, which is still holding to this day: *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease* – Genesis 8:22. This explains the extent God will go to rescue us from shame even when we are out of tune with Him, hence Jesus Christ died for our sins.

HUMAN SPIRITUAL MANIPULATIONS

Our physical attitudes and characters are reflections of the kind of spirit that lives in us. The fact that St Paul admonished us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, that we should rejoice evermore, implies that if we put up a sad countenance, we should also know that we are not carrying the face of God. If we are saddened by the deceptive elements that Satan presents around us, it means we are not of God, because wearing a sad look is not the personality of God. The Bible says that in God's presence, there is fullness of joy.

An African proverb says that, 'the water inside the kettle cannot be hotter than the kettle itself.' This saying paints the picture of what we would be discussing as we learn how to function as humans from the life of Jesus. Hence, for us to exist with God, the physical self has to be put in such a condition that will allow God to possess and use the body as His instrument of restoration.

PURPOSE OF THE SUPERNATURAL

The supernatural demonstrates a situation that is above the natural - usually above a normal physical situation; a condition refer to as, 'paranormal.' For instance, it is difficult to understand how we grow into adulthood. Yet we do grow daily. Many of us find ourselves in dreamlands in places we hadn't been to physically. How do humans speak? What is responsible for the different languages that exist on Earth today? Why is it that someone sees what happened to us in the past without us having revealed such to him or her? What about the human blood? What is so special about the blood that it gives life? We have seen the rainbow before and we would have wondered how it hangs up there in the sky, and separated into distinct seven colours. What about the seas and its creatures? Science has made it possible for us to go down into the bottom of the sea and we have discovered countless myriads of creatures. How were these created? There is no other way to have an answer to all these except to have the consciousness of the one that created them. And since we are already aware that the answers that explains the 'why and what,' of the natural world we see around us is beyond human comprehension, we have no choice but to take a journey of self-realisation with God.

This takes us into the appreciation that, for every natural situation going on, there is a supernatural mechanism working behind, which would defy human reasoning capability. This is the same reason when they saw Jesus Christ performing those miracles; they concluded that He was performing them with the spirit of Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24-27). The mere mention of the name ‘spirit of Beelzebub’ shows that what they saw happening through Jesus were abnormal. The condition that enabled Jesus to change water into wine was also not normal; for wine to have been exhausted in the middle of a feast that they knew would last through the night. I have reasoned that the supernatural wanted to prove their presence even in that feast, but the people were carried away with wine. Changing water into wine is an abnormal occurrence (John 2:3) - it is not normal and it is not natural! No scientific feat had succeeded in doing this even with all the sophistication in our worldly wisdom – Nano-technology, software simulations, biotechnology, name it – none have beat this feat. When Jesus Christ walked on the sea in John 6:16-21, it shows that Christ was that same Spirit of God that hovered over the surface of the waters in Genesis 1:2. This is why John revealed in the book of John 1:2, that without Jesus Christ the creation accounts in Genesis is impossible. Walking on water is also not a natural occurrence. In Genesis 1, the Earth was abnormal from God’s judgement, and the Holy Spirit came from the order of the supernatural, to change an abnormal order into a

normal order. And in our time, the Earth was experiencing desolation and the word became human and walked in our midst to give us a blueprint of the heart of God and teaching us, even now, how to live to become as perfect as God. This gives us more hope of the changes that will happen to our abnormal situation when we exist in the thoughts of God and carry out His commands, because He is a Spirit. God don't bother to see those who are not in His thoughts, except when we complain about their nefarious acts in our prayers. If the word of God is the Spirit of God, this implies further, that we have to become spirits to hear spirits and do what the spirit says.

We cannot be so natural to exist with God who is a Spirit. If people have not referred to us as Beelzebub because we are Believers, then we have not done the extra-ordinary yet. This is the essence of the signs and wonders that would follow us, referred to in Mark 16:17-18. In Matthew 10:25 Jesus made it clear that we will be called Beelzebub when we follow His teachings, and that we may be rejected as He was rejected when He told them about the supernatural relationship they must have with Him through the practice of the communion wine and bread (John 6:60-66). So we are going to think of what to do so as to get out of this physical realm of existence into where we would co-exist with God, in thoughts and actions.

When we live and exist within the dictates of supernatural commands and principles, we become transformed into a physical-spiritual being as espoused by Joel 2:28-29: *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.* This is God's heart desire for you and me if we would yield our hearts to allow His spirit to dwell in us.

This existence shows how much of God's power we would bear. And this can be explained below:

1. **Physical consciousness only:** Here we are blind to spiritual matters. We often found ourselves loving worldly things. Our dreams are clouded with confusion and we hardly remember them. We tend to eat too much food and always in the mood of partying. In percentage terms, I would say that this person is 100% carnal.
2. **More physically conscious than Spiritually conscious:** In this platform of existence, we tend to have some spiritual insights but the heaviness of the physical is weighing us down to the extent that we are confused. We already know something is wrong with us but we cannot figure it out. Many of us at this stage go from one spiritual home to the other in

search for spiritual truth and often led astray. We are like a radio station experiencing interference broadcast with a dominant station nearby. The other station is heard very faint through the main station occupying the frequency band when this happens. From this analogy and relating it to what we are discussing, that very faint station is the spiritual awakening that you are trying to experience at this stage. Many new Believers would seldom backslide and go back into the physical were they would live carnally again. Though they do this, the weak signal of the spiritual they had rejuvenates in them occasionally. In percentage terms, I would say that this person is 90% carnal and 10% spiritual.

3. **Physically conscious as well as being spiritually conscious:** Here we are experiencing both forms of consciousness. We have given time to the study of the Bible and we are receiving spiritual illumination. We are happy preaching the gospel. Our testimonies are frequent on the Altar. The joy that the spiritual brings is becoming live in us though we still have physical interference in our lives. We spend time trying to convince people that we had repented and now fully in Christ, yet they still believe that we are carnal. The fruit of our repentance is not showing fully yet. In percentage terms, I would say that this person is 50% carnal and 50% spiritual.

4. **More spiritually conscious than physically conscious:** This is where we would be once the Holy Spirit of God consecrates us. Our physical consciousness does not lead us into sin, but enable us to see the problems at hand and we would use our spiritual consciousness to put things in order. We act as teachers, preachers, and prophets as the Lord leads. This is what enables us to translate spiritual information into physical things through wisdom, because our knowledge of the physical is explained by our understanding of the spiritual to benefit us – Romans 1:20: *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...* And in 1 Corinthians 2:13, St Paul also explains this: *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* Your ability to compare spiritual things with spiritual is only possible when you are in the supernatural realm. In percentage terms, I would say that this person is 10% carnal and 90% spiritual.

5. **Spiritual consciousness only:** Here we only hear the spirits. This stage demands your entire attention, which is the reason why we take a long break of about 40 days to fast and pray. This stage is only attained during a waiting on the Lord period – we deny ourselves all the luxury that life can offer. In percentage terms, I would say that this person is

100% spiritual within the period of waiting on the Lord. God is not expecting us to be here all the time because we may end up not being useful physically.

The physical form is the visible form and the spiritual form is the invisible form of the human existence. The ability of humans to exist in these forms is given credence by St Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:15-16, where he said that those who are spiritual know the mind of Christ and could explain the nature of all things. Implying that the purpose of the supernatural realm is to help us with spiritual clues to enable us explain the physical.

The Bible indeed says that Jesus appeared in another form in the physical realm, different from what the disciples used to know, which made it difficult for them to believe He was the one talking with them: *Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country* – Mark 16-12 (NIV). There are still forms of existence that do appear to us, like the UFOs that beat human imagination. Indeed we would also see that Nebuchadnezzar declared that he saw someone of the form of the son of the gods in Daniel 3:24-25: *24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." 25 He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods (NIV)."* Implying that the presence of a supernatural

personality, in the order of a son, in their midst, indeed, protected them from the hurt of the fire. This also explains that even within the supernatural, there are still forms of existence or what I would call levels of spiritual awareness and awakening.

This fact is why we are called human beings because of our rational reasoning capability. Animals don't have the 'being' nature because they don't have a rational spirit. 'Beingness' connotes spirituality receptivity. This implies that we exist as a visible entity – our physical image and at the same time an invisible entity – our thoughts. The invisible entity controls the affairs of the visible entity - the physical body is controlled by the supernatural. This is the main purpose of the supernatural self, to control and decide what happens to the physical self on Earth.

The sicknesses we see are inflicted on our physical body. Our spirit cannot be sick of malaria or typhoid and in many occasions, we also commit sins with our physical body. When we exist in the supernatural we would be able to control things that are spiritual and also have the sense to intercept the plans of the satanic world against our destiny, because in Ephesians 6:12, the Bible made us to know that we are always in constant spiritual wrestling. If we only exist in the physical, we will not know what is happening to us in the spirit.

EXISTENCE OF A SUPERNATURAL BEING

Before we can move into the realm of the supernatural, we need to understand if there is any proof of a supernatural being. If there is no city called Lagos, we won't have the need of going to Lagos. Genesis 17:1, is one of the instances where God appeared to people in the Bible: *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, God appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him.*

Here the Bible recorded that God appeared to Abraham. This means that it came to a time when God has to appear to Abraham. The word, 'appearance' as used in the verse above refers to 'suddenness,' causing a personal reality of vision of a perceived being. Appearance as used here also means 'coming from nowhere near the physical.' He was there as a spirit, but has to put on a physical form that Abraham could discern in the physical. Another way in which this could have happened is when the presence of the supernatural would first transform the person into a paranormal form so as to discern the form of the supernatural who is there present. This process is what Elisha referred to in 2 Kings 6:17: *And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the*

young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. This form of seeing is only for who the vision is intended, even while other persons may be there, who may not see what the person is seeing: *I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves* – Daniel 10:7. This means there is a being that exists in another form and we have to sometimes be in His form to appreciate His existence.

BENEFITS OF THE SUPERNATURAL REALM

The supernatural realm as earlier mentioned controls the affairs of the physical world, implying that we have to tune our physical senses to a state that will enable God communicate with us so that we can speak His word into action. This is the manifestation of the wisdom of God. King David refers to this when he says in Psalms 49:3: *My mouth shall speak wisdom.* Prior to this time, he was living as many of us are doing today – looking for God (Psalms 42:1-7). Christ referred to this kind of tuning in Matthew 11:15 when He says: *He who has ears to hear let him hear.* This kind of tuning is what I would refer to as the “Duplex Communication Metamorphosis (DCM)” - a transformation system that allows us to communicate and transmit information in both directions, physical and spiritual, at the same time. If we are carnal in nature, the words we speak become empty and would lack the

power to cause the desired effect. Once we exist in the supernatural, whatsoever we say becomes God's word and God always perfects it in the name of Jesus Christ – Mark 16:17. Prophet Elijah once said: *...according to my word* (1 Kings 17:1). We decree a thing that will come to pass, once we have the heart of God.

In the book of 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, we are made to understand that as Believers we are not fused with the spirit of the world: *But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual [words]. Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Amen! We have the mind of Christ, which is the Spirit in Him because we co-exist with Him as joint heirs. Remember He said we are now His friends: *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you* (John 15:15 - NIV). Since this assertion is true, we would also agree that since whatsoever Jesus did is what He saw God do

in heaven, we also, who have a pure heart and able to see God (Matthew 5:8), should be able to replicate heavenly values here on Earth, which would be the reason why Jesus says – *let thy Kingdom come, let thy will be done on Earth*. In 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 above, the Bible made us to understand that there is a spirit of the world, and St Paul went further to say that the spirit we have is from God so that we are equipped with the wisdom to know those things that have been freely given to us by God. If we don't know what God has given to us freely there is no way we can possess them. In the physical we can't know what God has given to us freely, something we are not supposed to labour for. Remember what Moses told the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 6: 10-11: *And it shall be, when God thy God shall bring thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not, and thou shalt eat and be full...*

This statement implies that they will live in houses they did not build and reap from the crops they never planted. The things God has freely given to us are normally called the free gifts of God. They are inside of us, they are inherent within, and not until we live in the supernatural, will we be able to co-exist with God, and possess these gifts. And because many of us are spiritually empty and blind we cannot yet see them.

EVIDENCE OF CARNAL BEHAVIOURS

When Christ resurrected, the Bible says that He first appeared to Mary Magdalene whom He cast out seven demons from which hitherto made her to live a carnal life. Implying that if not that she was delivered, there is no way she could have seen the risen Jesus. Remember that Peter did told the people in Acts 2 about the risen Jesus, whom they were not seeing, but he knew that Jesus was seated in Heaven. We would confirm this as Jesus rebuked His disciples who never believed what they have heard: *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen* – Mark 16:14. There was something that caught my fancy in verse 12 and 13 of the same Mark 16: *After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.* Jesus appeared to them in another form, not how He used to appear to them, yet these two perceived Him because of the supernatural sense of orientation in them. They hold on what they saw, believed it and they spoke to others, convincing them with the effect of the word that burnt in their hearts – Luke 24:32, yet those referred to as the residue never believed. The word of Christ to these unbelieving disciples proves the point that when we have a carnal sense, we become the residue. This is what will also

happen on the day of rapture. There will be 'unraptured' residues or remnants on Earth. Think about this. Christ may have appeared to many of us in different forms, but our spiritual deadness is the reason we are still searching for Him.

Carnality therefore demonstrates a state of spiritual emptiness. Everyone who exhibit carnal behaviour is still far from the truth - the only true path to salvation; the Holy Spirit manifestation in human life. This is further explained in 1 Corinthians 3:3: *for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among us jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of mere men?*

If you notice any of these attributes in your life then you need to wake up. 'Mere men' behave this way; there are divisions all over the world, from the homes to the larger societies caused by carnal people. The use of "yet," before carnal in the verse above show this statement was referring to Believers who were supposed to be in the Spirit. Some people have said: "this man is not from my tribe so I can't help him." There are political parties all over the places, we see people decamping from one party to the other - a lot of division. These are things that happen all over the world including the politics in the church. Many of us envy those who are better than us academically in school. These are the things of the world, which makes many of us to still exist as 'mere' humans. This is not what we desire; we do not want to be mere,

ordinary, people. It should be the desire of every true Believer of the gospel of Christ to become a supernatural being because we have become the sons of God.

So when we exist in the supernatural, the physical responds to every spiritual impulse generated as a result of our prayers to put things in order, and we just keep watching the physical changing to what we determined it to be in the spirit. You must note as we leave this section that we must be in the spirit to cause a change in the physical.

OUR BODY HOST THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Many of us don't know who we are in the spirit. Jesus reminded James and John of this fact – Luke 9:55: *Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.* The body is like an envelope while the spirit that possesses the body is like the letter inside the envelope - 1 Corinthians 3:16 explains this better: *Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in us?*

A pregnant woman goes for ultrasound scan to determine the sex and the position of the baby among other reasons. The Bible says the Lord Almighty dwells inside of us – and this means that our hands are the hand of God and our mouth has become the mouth of God, and our legs are the legs in which God will walk so that

when we appear before anybody we cannot be intimidated because nobody can intimidate God. Hence, the Bible says that we are given the spirit of fear – 2 Timothy 1:7. Fear is the number one reason why many Believers are still unable to make a head way in their Christian faith. God created this world and everything we see in the midst of darkness as recorded in Genesis 1:2. So when God lives inside of us, we can transform darkness into light at every point in time as a reflection of the reason why we are called the children of light – Ephesians 5:8: *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.* No darkness can intimidate us because we are unstoppable, and things happen in our favour, because we are ignited to shine by God.

EVERYONE NEEDS GOD TO SUCCEED

This is the main purpose of this discussion. We have a lot of wisdom in the world beclouding our judgement of things and the imaginations we do have of them. Scientists have developed atomic bombs, computers, rockets, the aeroplanes etc, with human wisdom, and in our eyes these seems to be the excellence of wisdom, but in the eyes of God these are still the foolishness of man. And these feats of man have made some of the technologically advanced nations to despise God. The Bible in 1 Corinthians 3:18-19 says: *Let no man deceive*

himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

The first foolishness of men was when they gathered under the leadership of Nimrod and they decided to build a city that will touch the sky to bring glory to mankind as recorded in Genesis 11:1-4: *And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

This is because they thought they have succeeded since they have found a plain where there was no mountain, and instead of them to worship God who brought them to the point of that relief, they decided to engage themselves in an adventure which they felt would announce their names, exactly the same way many of us do today. Haven't we feel the same when we visit places like Dubai, New York city and other beautiful cities of the world, and we would give credit to the government instead of God? Are we not guilty of man-praise already?

Many Believers only think about themselves and not about God.

As said earlier, the conceiving of the tower of Babel was the very first act of foolishness of man and ever since then mankind has not stopped amusing God with their antics. There are satellites stationed in outer space in search for evidence of life, searching from one planet to the other, if someday, the supernatural God could be seen. The world wants to see God because He is the one with the clue to life's unanswered mysteries. The world keep spending money on spacecrafts and other white elephant scientific researches amounting to billions of dollars, and these over blotted capital projects have rendered many people poor and helpless, and the government as always, cares little about their well being.

The benign nature of God towards mankind would be seen in John 3:16. He is the only one who cares about our woes, and ready to restore whoever would come to Him in total submission. The fact that the world is chasing after human wisdom surely points to the end because the Bible made it clear that knowledge will multiply towards the end in the scripture (Daniel 12:4). The wisdom of man is mostly employed by mankind to destroy, but the wisdom of God if used, is to build the desolate places.

THE MEANS TO EXISTING IN THE SUPERNATURAL

To have knowledge of the means through which a Believer can exist in the supernatural, we need to have an understanding of what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:11-15: *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

From the foregoing we would see that God has laid a foundation for us - Jesus Christ, who He gave freely and willingly that we would become saved from condemnation. Once we are saved from the physical world, we can now exist with God in the supernatural through our thoughts, which would have become refined with the ideas of God. This is what David meant in Psalms 51:10: *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within.* The Bible says in John 1:12 that, to them that believe in Jesus Christ, He gave power to become the sons of God. Jesus also says in Mark 16:17 that, anyone who believes in Him will exhibit supernatural signs and wonders, and they shall become physicians immediately. To become a qualified physician

one need to spend some years in university. But God is saying that the very day we believe, signs and wonders will follow us and we shall lay hands on the sick and they shall receive their healing. We become medical doctors in less than one hour or so - this is the wisdom of God. The foolishness of man is some years in university trying to understand the human biology, anatomy, physiology, DNA structure, etc, but the wisdom of God will put the human body in a healthy form in less than one hour. Jesus did not say we should go and study some books or carry out some experiments. He said just 'Believe'.

Now if these years can become less than an hour, what do we need to get this qualification? We have to exist in the supernatural to become qualified supernatural medical doctors in less than an hour - causing healing to our generation beyond measure. Jesus Christ has laid the foundation; we all have a duty to do before God - to build on this foundation.

In 1 Corinthians 3:12 reiterated here below, it was made categorically clear that we all have to build - not being hearers alone, but doers (James 1:22-23) so that we can exist with God.

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...

The foundation of a building determines how long the house is going to stay on this Earth. Designers often specify a design life from fifty to a hundred years, though we have seen buildings staying more years depending on the life of the materials used, but if the building would collapse after the design life the designer has given his word and therefore exonerated from any damage claim. If the foundation is bad, when a heavy-duty vehicle moves nearby, the vibration generated as a result can cause the building to collapse. At least we've heard of houses that have collapsed here and there due to poor foundation. If our spiritual foundation is not laid right we are bound to have problems as we live. Since God have given us a standard, if we refuse to follow Him, He will not take responsibility for whatever happens to us. This is why those whose foundation is Satan are always experiencing crisis in their life. Psalms 11:3 says that the righteous can do nothing once the foundation is not intact; let your daily living be founded on the word of His promise. The exploits of every Believer are determined by the kind of foundational covenant he/she exists on.

Now Christ is the foundation, a solid rock, a foundation laid that we can build on. We are made to know that some of us will build with gold, silver, precious stone, woods, straws, others with hays; it is left for us to decide what substance we want to build with. Each one's work will become clear. We cannot hide in the crowd as many

of us usually do, and should not be hiding in the crowd when it comes to working for God. The Bible says in verse 13-15 of 1 Corinthians 3:

Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

God has laid the foundation and He wants us to build on it. Insofar possible, whatsoever we want to do we should ensure we do it with a pure of heart before God. It is left for us, if we like let us keep hiding in the crowd. Heaven will find out because God is not a man that does not know the intentions of our hearts. For He says in Jeremiah 17: 10-11:

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

This is the reason why we must ensure that our hearts are right before God all the time. Those who succeed through evil and deceitful means will surely become wretched someday. This is why the wealth of most

successful people doesn't last long. They either disappear before they die or become extinct immediately after their death. Some have also felt that when they repent, they can still keep the wealth acquired through devilish means. This is not true, once we have repented; we either returns the ill-gotten wealth to those we forcefully and deceitfully took from or we sell and give the proceeds back to the poor – we would learn this from what Jesus told the rich man - Matthew 19:21: *If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me*, and what Zacchaeus said that made Jesus to say the he had obtained salvation - Luke 19:8: *And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.*

EVERY WORK WILL BE TESTED

Our work will be tested, and its quality will be confirmed through a simple test - “FIRE”.

We need to understand what the fire as used in 1 Corinthians 3:13 above typifies. It is not the physical fire we see. The Bible says the word of God is like fire in the book of Jeremiah 23:29. This was why the hearts of the apostles' had a burning sensation within them as Jesus Christ explained the scriptures to them in Luke 24:32:

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And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

The word of God is the standard of test. The entire confirmatory test will be done 'litmusly' by His word; both the ones we read in the Bible and the entire true prophetic utterances revealed to our generation by His prophets. Every word we see and read inside the Bible is fire. God will revisit this book when we depart this Earth unto eternal glory, and He will speak the same word to us in the spirit because then God will be dealing with us in the spirit - He is the only one who can destroy the spirit of man (Luke 12:4,5).

God is beckoning on us to support this building project, the building of His kingdom - what an honour done to mankind. The foundation has been laid and we only need to erect our walls on the existing foundation. And if He is going to inspect the quality of our work with His word, then the most valued resource is His word made available in the Bible for us this day. The Bible is the most published and translated book in the whole universe and also easily affordable. The Bible is the most important instruction manual we must study and adhere to.

HOW TO EXIST IN THE SUPERNATURAL

Sometime we feel very comfortable the way we are. Many of us feel so secured that we think we don't even need God. If God will come today as Jesus Christ again many would still run away, because their ways are evil – John 3:19. The people that will go and see Him will still be the same poor and sick people who came to meet Him when He first came 2000 years ago. The reason is very simple because we find it very hard to appreciate something we cannot see, so because we don't see we become doubting Thomas.

This is why when Christ will come like a thief (Revelation 3:3, 16:15) many of us will be taken unaware because we will be expecting some kind of sound from the heavens - some kind of angels singing and flying everywhere due our perception that angels are flying creatures. When we see an angel in drawings they are mainly drawn with feathers because we believe that angels cannot just come in the form of a human being and as such we gave them the wings of birds, meanwhile, the Bible indicates in Genesis 1:26: *Then God said, "let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness---"* "Let us" as used here indicates plurality, meaning including the angels - as humans we don't fly and we do not have wings, so it shouldn't be imagined that someone draws the image of an angel and concludes that angels do fly.

They are not birds. Our perception of the supernatural must be right at all times.

In the vision that Daniel had in Daniel 10:5-6: *I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.* The men that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah are also angels, and the Bible did recorded that Abraham saw men who even ate food – Genesis 18:2: *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground.*

BE PREPARED FOR A CHANGE

Now, because many of us are not ready to accept a change in the way we live daily, we find it difficult to exist in the supernatural form - in the likeness of God. God is a spirit and those who worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). Every spirit announces whosoever they possess, letting everyone know their abode. When the spirit of God dwells in us, we become Godlike and we perceive supernatural things because we are now spiritually intelligent, attentive and alert to spiritual instructions, and we would know when the Lord is speaking through

our pastors, or through someone of an outstanding spiritual authority.

How many of us know the animal call ‘snake’? The Bible made us to know that the serpent is the most “subtil” of all creatures (Genesis 3:1), and therefore advises us to be as wise as the serpent (Matthew 10:16). When a snake grows to a certain age it changes its old skin. Haven’t we seen its skin before? The snake drops it’s skin as if saying, “I am tired of this body, I can’t go on in it, I just have to drop it so that I can be in a new form,” and it goes away and live a brand new life.

Do we know what happens in the case of humans? When we drop a character or behaviour that is not pleasing to God, in most cases we still go back and take a look at it, and try to taint scripture verses because of poor doctrinal maturity to explain why we should still bear such a character. This is why many of us normally say it outside the church, “look oh, if not for this Bible I would have shown what stuff am made off...”- know what? Of course know that our heart is desperately wicked. When we change we don’t want to let go of our old life but a snake can let go of its’ old self. That snake we always kill with all the strength in us is a life mentor, and if we study its life we will never be deceived.

It is the ungodly character we possess that makes one to utter such word as, “look if not for the sake of

Christianity” - Christianity has become a flag that many would only salute anytime they see it. We have to drop ungodly characters and put on godly characters to enable us exist with God, because God is our standard.

If we look at the book of Leviticus, it tells us the priestly ordinance, the way people must behave, the way people have to bath themselves, how they wash their hands etc, before they could stand before God. In appreciating this, Jesus commended the woman who washed His feet with tears, and wiped them with her hair after expecting Simon to have washed His feet to no avail – Luke 7:44:

And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet:but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

Our God is a neat and holy. He likes order and wants things to be done in an orderly manner, which was why He said in the book of Numbers 2:1-2, that Israel should camp according to their standard: *And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.*

He is a God of order and a God that institutes change, hence Jesus said – Matthew 21:32: *For John came to you in*

the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him (ESV). He wants a change in our behaviour, and if He did not desire a change in our lives He wouldn't know that Adam needed help. He made everything and created Adam in His own image and likeness, He looked at him and said, this man cannot exist alone let us look for him a helper. So God appreciates change and He can make things to change from 'the worst' to become 'the best.'

As stated earlier, God loves us more than we love ourselves and the Bible confirmed so in 1 John 4:19: *We love him, because he first loved us.*

This was why He saw Adam's condition and said, 'No! They cannot use this fig leaves, I need to give them an animal skin that they may use to cover their nakedness and their shame, and keep themselves warm from the scourge of the day sun and the piercing fingers of the cold at night.' God will cover our nakedness today in Jesus name. Amen.

How then can we know that God is giving us an animal skin in this physical world, if we do not exist in the same form with Him and we don't hear from His throne of mercy? If we don't give ourselves to His Spirit, God cannot talk to us. He won't say my son or my daughter,

that place you are going to is not favourable; He won't say stand up and pray there is evil around.

EXPERIENCE THE VISITATION OF GOD

We are made to know in Genesis 3:8 that God visited Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. Knowing when God visits will enable us to expect Him, and therefore condition our spirit to be in tune with His will. Tuning to the supernatural means our consciousness has to be subtracted from the dictates of the physical senses so that they can now hear spiritual impulses.

One of such proven opportunity to commune with God is in the Night, when we are asleep, bringing answers, revelations, and instructions to the deep thoughts that emanated from our hearts, which has been given us sleepless nights. You will surely find answers if you can just have that night rest today in the midst of prayers before you make that decision as Jesus did in Luke 6:12-13:

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostle

As we proceed through this section, you will understand the importance of the night. The night is the time to acknowledge God with all your heart, and also rendering your heart to Him in praise and worship as we are commanded in Psalms 134:1-2:

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

Your last thought before going to bed should be how to revere God with the substance He has blessed you with. You should think more on how to win souls for His kingdom, and you will see Him coming to encourage, instruct, direct, heal and bless you.

This is one of David's secrets as recorded in, Psalms 119:55-56: *I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law. This I had, because I kept thy precepts,* and this is why God said David was a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). In Psalms 4:4-5, King David gave us a clue on what to do to entreat God's presence:

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Many of us don't know the importance of the night to our spiritual growth and success in life. This section

reveals the spiritual significance of the night to every Believer who wants to be successful in life. The following happens during the night:

1. **God Searches Our Hearts:** In the night, while we are praying or sleeping, God is right there searching our hearts to see if there is any reason to answer our prayers. This is evident in Psalms 17:3: *Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing...*
2. **Opportunity To See The Likeness Of God:** I have had the opportunity to see God's throne and His likeness in my dreams. In one occasion I met Jesus Christ face to face and in another I saw Moses with a staff in his hand standing on mount Horeb, the mountain of God. This kind of revelation is possible in most cases during the night in our dreams. In Genesis 28:10-13, Jacob saw the Angels of God climbing up and down a ladder. This sight gave him the assurance that God was right there with him: *And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it And, behold, the Lord stood above it...*

3. **A Time When God Fights Our Battles:** The night is also the time when God fights for us. While we are sleeping and resting, God takes charge of our burden – Psalms 121:4-6: *Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.* This is why Jesus Christ said we should handover our burden to Him in Matthew 11:28, so that we can have rest. Why don't you come over to Jesus and tell Him "Lord take over my burden, You are my lord and saviour, my heart will continually trust in You". Say it with your heart and He will come to your rescue. The following Bible verses will encourage you to leave all to God, letting Him fight your battles for you:

- *But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife –* Genesis 20:3.
- *Then God came to Laban in a dream by night, and said to him, Take care that you say nothing good or bad to Jacob -* Genesis 31:24 (Bible in Basic English)
- *And that night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death in the army of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand men; and when the people got up early in the morning, there was nothing to be seen but dead bodies -* 2 Kings 19:35 (Bible in Basic English)

4. Promise And Reassurance Of His Faithfulness:

When we are confused about, and become doubtful of God's faithfulness, all we need to do is go on our knees and commune with Him and in the night, He will show up to reaffirm His promises to us and show us where we have gone wrong.

And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord - Genesis 26:24-25.

- 5. A Time To Hear God Speak To Us:** Hearing God also happens in most cases in your dreams at night. I have heard Him speak to me clearly at night while I sleep or lay quietly on my bed. And He will speak to you this night, just tune yourself and you will hear Him. In some cases He uses the voices and faces of His servants who shepherds you to speak to you. This is seen in 1 Samuel 3:3-8:

And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for

thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

If the voice Samuel heard did not show a resemblance of Eli's voice, he wouldn't have ran down to Eli three times. He would have told Eli that he heard someone called his name but he said "for thou calledst me" confirming that he actually heard the resemblance of Eli's voice.

In some cases God have called us and we end up asking people around us if they called and when they say no, as in some African cultures, one is then asked if he or she answered and if the answer is in the affirmative, fear is sown into his or her heart that there is evil brewing around or the dead has called. At the end he or she is told to ask the person to call him or her again so that he or she can answer to someone we can see - this is superstition. We have watered down the perception of God through such beliefs. When you hear such voices, withdraw yourself into a quiet environment and say – 'speak Lord,' and you will hear God speak to you. Eli's spiritual intelligence was reawaken after the third time Samuel ran to him, showing that he was already

far away from God which was why God chose Samuel to minister before Him.

For the purpose of enlightening us on hearing God speak, I will share my own encounter with God in this section. My wife and I prayed for a baby in 2005 and one night, on the 9th of July 2005. I was in a dream at about 5.00am and I saw a servant of God and another Pastor behind him, and he asked me “what do you need? - And I replied, “I don’t want people to laugh at me.” He shook his head and said, “that is not what you need”- “what do you want God to do for you?” Inside me I said “This is God” – So I responded “I need a child” and he said to the pastor behind him “write it down”. I woke up and told my wife the encounter and right inside me I knew that God has answered our prayer.

On the 17th of July 2005. I was in yet another dream, my wife had a baby girl and we named her “Elomezino (my glory has come).”

True to that revelation, on the 17th of April 2006, nine months later, we had a baby girl and when I saw her face, I could not hold her because she was exactly the baby I saw on the 17th of July 2005 in my dream.

In May 2008, my wife was scheduled for an operation to evacuate the fibroid in her womb so that she can have another baby. My wife has been praying for a son and had sown prophetic seeds in churches whenever she is invited to a child's dedication, especially for male children. While in the doctor's office, she called that I should come and sign the consent form to evacuate the fibroid. I then decided to speak with the Lord if I should sign the form. I prayed – 'Lord, if I can bring up a son for you, please give me.' After this prayer, in a dream I heard a voice spoke to me "Sleep with your wife and she will be confirmed pregnant three days to the date of the operation."

Again true to this prophecy she was confirmed pregnant three days to the date scheduled for the operation. And we had our son – Aghoghomena. In yet another encounter, around September 2012, I heard a voice in my dream – 'do you still need another child?' when I woke up, I called my wife if she still needed a child. We finally agreed that we would have another baby. When she left, I laid back on the bed, and the voice asked again, and I replied – 'yes.' The voice now gave me an instruction, which my wife must obey. I delivered the instruction to her and she obeyed every word of that instruction – that month she conceived and we had our baby, Ewevino in May 2013. In the books of Genesis 46:2 and 1

Chronicles 17:3, you will also find Bible references on accounts of how God speaks to people in their dreams.

What are you waiting for? I can assure you that your solution is a dream away if only you can believe; you shall receive answers to that problem right now in Jesus name. Amen.

- **Receive Instruction From God:** God also gives us instruction in our dreams at night on what to do to achieve success. The following bible verses can testify to this:

And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. - Numbers 22:20

And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: - Judges 6:25

Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: - Acts 18:9

Just hold on, that instruction to change your destiny is coming your way and God is releasing it to you today. Listen, you will hear Him - Isaiah 30:21

- **Time To Be Blessed By God:** The night is the time to be blessed by God, and you better not waste this opportunity. Condition yourself this night to exist in the supernatural and you will receive your blessings. In 2002, after graduating from university and having completed a one year compulsory paramilitary service to the nation, I wondered what was going to happen to me next, how to get a job and be settled in life. The Bible became my only companion, I digested the book of Deuteronomy with so much zeal and one night, I knelt down, naked and I cried, “God, Oh my God, I am naked before you - please cover my shame and my nakedness, let not my enemies laugh at me.” I wept seriously pouring out my soul and I didn’t know when I slept off, still on my knees and my head on the bed, I saw myself in a dream, in the midst of other graduates in a wild thick rainforest with our bags on our shoulders, roaming up and down. Then I saw a light shining towards me, and I saw myself moving towards the light until I was out of the forest, then I woke up. That was the end of my joblessness. If you are jobless and you are reading this revelation, know that you are in that spiritual forest without hope, but if you can surrender to

Jesus and yield your heart to God, you shall be delivered from that bondage.

We can also see account of God readiness to bless His children in the night in 1 Kings 3:5: *In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.*

- **A Time For Divine Revelation:** God also uses the night to reveal things to come, to us in our dreams. He revealed to Pharaoh in the book of Genesis 41, and to Nebuchadnezzar in the book of Daniel 2, what will happen in their kingdom ahead of time, in their dreams. Daniel got the interpretation to Nebuchadnezzar's dream from God, also in his dream. God have revealed deep secrets to me in my dreams especially revelations on what will happen to this world in the day of judgement. This information will be made available in a book – The Mystery of the Kingdom of God on Earth, which He has ordered me to write on this subject. In Isaiah 42:9 God told us that before anything would happen, He would reveal them to us:

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

- **Confirmation of Answered Prayers:** I spoke about how we can get confirmation to our prayers at night,

in our dreams when I talked about hearing God's voice. Your confirmation is a dream away, and you better not play with this night - it could be your last opportunity to receive answers. Every night counts, beware! In 2 Chronicles 7:12, God revealed to Solomon in a dream that his prayers have been answered:

And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

- **A Time For Deliverance:** We have sailed through these revelations together but the importance of the night cannot be fully treated if we don't talk about deliverance from the claws of Satan. The occult world, don't sleep at night. That is when they perpetuate their evil and this is the same time God work wonders in the lives of those who diligently seek Him. In the Bible verses below, we are brought into the knowledge of how God delivered His children when Satan held them hostage.

- ✓ *But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth... - Acts 5:19.*
- ✓ *And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon*

him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands - Acts 12:6-7.

Hey! This is your night. Can't you see that your deliverance is right in front of you, grab this opportunity and shine. Your deliverance is just a prayer ahead. Start praying, His angel is here.

- **A Time For Accountability:** The night is also an opportunity to know how you have fared in the affairs of God. On the night of 5th October 2009, God made me know that I was abandoning the work He called me for. I could hear His voice of warning and I became terrified, I went on my knees when I woke up and prayed for forgiveness. Shortly after then the Holy Spirit came and I started receiving instructions and directions on how to pilot the affairs of the ministry He has handed over to me. Right then I knew I was still far from my destination. Talk to God this night to show you how far you have fared on Earth. He will show you and you will know that God created you for His purpose and not because of the exotic car you drive and the lavishly furnished house you live in. God revealed to Paul how glad He was on the exploits of Paul in Jerusalem in Acts 23:11:

And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

From these discussions you will agree with me that there is no other important time in the life of a Believer than the night. Win your battles in the night for people to see your testimonies at dawn; there is no time for play because the days are evil. Satan knows the importance of the night to your spiritual growth and success that is why he keeps people busy outside their home clubbing, womanizing, engaging in armed robbery, occult meetings, etc. Anything that will take you out of God's presence at night is satanic and you must avoid them.

SWITCH TO THE SUPERNATURAL

We need to switch our lives back to the supernatural where we belong in Eden when God used to fellowship with us in the cool of the evening. This can be done in the following simple steps:

1. Light up your environment, and people will know that light is around you. This is very important. We are children of light and anything that is bright signifies purity. You would observe that in the clubhouses the lights there are dim, so you would know that it is a home for an evil gathering and

association. Start to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, singing and praising, worshipping Him from the bottom of your heart, and telling him, “Father you are so wonderful, I love you this moment, you are the beginning and the end, there is none like you...” As you call Him all His beautiful and wonderful names, you have started, the people around will know that the loving and caring God whose dwelling is not with flesh (Daniel 2:11) is in your house and they will come to visit you.

2. As they come don't fail to tell them, “God has done this for me, this was how I met God. This is the route I am taking - follow me and let me take you to God”. That is when you start switching from the physical, because you have started appreciating the spiritual personality inside of you.
3. You are now appreciating the spirit of God that dwell in you, making others to see this personality through your life. You shouldn't forget that some people around you might not have encountered God the way you have, but you have encountered Him and so you have to tell them, this is how my Lord looks, and this is how He is.
4. From the way you behave, by the characters you display, by your spiritual disposition to issues, the manner in which you ignite your laughter and by the

way you put up smile in your face, the people around will begin to know that God lives inside this man or woman and they will want to be like you.

5. When they begin to come, you should take them through the word of God, and gradually as you teach them the word of God, as you minister to them, as you take them through the scriptures you begin to exist in the supernatural. God now tells you what to do because if He leaves you alone, you are going to lead His children astray, so He will not let you do that but will begin to talk to you, He will say, open to the book of James, open to the book of Matthew etc, so that you can talk to someone about the kingdom, and when you meet someone on the way, you will hear a voice telling you the problem of the person, and leading you to attend to them; on what they will tell you and how you are going to answer, because He now know that you are carrying His fire and His word, and for you not to lead people astray, He teaches you with the Holy Spirit.
6. When we start hearing from Him, we are now existing in the supernatural, we are now co-existing with God, and we are now dwelling with God, this is why we can hear from Him just as when Satan went to present himself to God, when the other sons of God came in Job 2:1-3, that God said to him, “do you see that my servant Job?” God can only talk to

us when we are in His presence, and so, when He manifests in our lives, He uses us and announces us.

7. When we tell people our testimonies, and let them know how good God has been to us; when we preach to people to stop evil, and leading them to the path of righteousness, God starts to live in us, through His word in our thoughts, and we would begin to have supernatural dreams and experiences, our lives will begin to experience a dynamic supernatural transformation and we will then know that; “Wherefore if any man is in Christ, [he is] a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new”- 2 Corinthians 5:17.

REFLECTION

In the book of Exodus 24:10, Moses and the elders saw God and the Bible described the experience thus: *And they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness.* The book of Revelation 4:2-5, also gave a clear picture of God and how His abode looks like: *Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne; and he that sat [was] to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and [there was] a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon. And round about the throne [were] four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones [I saw] four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white*

garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And [there was] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God...

This is the God that communes with us. A God that created us like Himself. What do we think of ourselves when we compare our spiritual inclination to God's personality described in Exodus 24:10. We must ponder over this and know that many of us are actually far from the true God.

So that when we pray:

"..... Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses..."-(Matthew 6:9-12)

We should know that saying -"Thy kingdom come", we are referring to the coming to Earth of God's supernatural throne explained in Revelation 4:2-5; and we cannot see this throne unless we are transformed into a godlike form; The Stephen Angelic transformation in Acts 6:15, The shining face of Moses in Exodus 34:29-35 and the transfiguration of Jesus Christ in Matthew 17:2.

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Are you ready for this transformation? If you are ready, prepare your mind as you read on for an encounter that you will never forget in a hurry.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER ONE

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CHAPTER TWO

TRANSFORMATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Now a thing was secretly brought to me, And mine ear received a whisper thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, When deep sleep falleth on men, Fear came upon me, and trembling, Which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; The hair of my flesh stood up. It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof; A form was before mine eyes: There was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker – Job 4:12-17

We are going to continue with our discussion on existing in the supernatural because we have been told in John 3:6, that there are two kinds of births, one is either born of the Spirit or born of the Flesh.

Existing in the flesh denies us of God's supernatural blessings. God's substance of inheritance is tied to our spiritual existence. This is also the reason why Jesus

Christ told the Samaritan woman in the book of John 4:23:

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers

Our physical body cannot praise God nor worship Him the way He wants; hence we are now talking about how we can exist in the spirit form. The spirit form of the human existence is the one God normally appreciates. This is well explained in Jeremiah 17:10 when God said:

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Our discussion in this chapter will be centred on the transformation of the human spirit. Before now we have discussed about existing in the supernatural - purpose, means and how, and we concluded that to exist in the likeness of God we have to say His word and profess them daily while also ministering to others about the Kingdom of God. It was also mentioned that when we speak to people concerning Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God will begin to dwell inside of us so that the words we speak are not ours, but that given by the Spirit of the living God. An instance of this is recorded in 2 Samuel 23:2:

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The spirit of God spake by me, And his word was upon my tongue

This could also be seen from Jesus' response to John's question in Luke 9:49-50:

And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. But Jesus said unto him, Forbid [him] not: for he that is not against you is for you

Meaning that the Spirit in those that cast out the demons was more important than the flesh the disciples considered as unfit to use the name of Jesus Christ to drive out demons.

Transformation means to change from one form to the other. In the context of this book, it means to exist in another realm. Transformation deals with changes and movement from one level to the other and when you say you belong to Christ, you are talking about upward progressive transformational non-sinusoidal movement. You can never be stagnant and cannot remain in the same situation for a long time because your life will cause a change to happen in your surrounding, and whoever causes a change experiences a change.

Now, we would see how this could come to be. Every human being has a spirit. We can have an understanding of this in the book of Genesis 45:27, as the Bible refers

to the spirit of Jacob in this instance: *And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.*

Every human being has a spirit and because we already have a spirit residing inside of us that is why it is possible for other spirits to possess us and take over control of our body. Spirits can either co-exist or totally inhabit the body of the person being possessed by the spirit. When a spirit co-exists with your human spirit, the co-existing spirit will be telling your spirit what to do and you are at will to accept the instructions given by the co-existing spirit or neglect them. This type of transformation has actually brought about the “had I knows” in our lives today. God also referred to this type of co-existence in Genesis 6:3: *And God said, My Spirit shall not strive with man for ever....*

In the scripture text above, STRIVE as used is also rendered as CONTEND, in the New International Version of the Bible, meaning to challenge or argue. The use of “with” after “strive” depicts co-existence.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SPIRIT WITHIN

When we are faced with danger, the Spirit of God takes over control of our body. Our human spirit recognises

this control, and this is why we seldom respond by shouting “JESUS!” The name, ‘Jesus,’ actually means, ‘The Lord is Salvation,’ so any one who have prayed to God for help and deliverance have called the name, ‘Jesus,’ unbeknownst to him/her. This response in the physical is not a voluntary action; it is an impulsive action responding to the dictates of spiritual interludes. The Human spirit forces the physical to make the pronouncement “JESUS!” because the spirit actually saw the Lord when He came to rescue.

Taking over control or totally inhabiting a body is one of the ways through which spirits possess the human soul. When this happens, the individual in question do not have a say over his/her actions. The physical manifestation of the characters we see in an individual under this kind of influence showcases the spiritual manipulations going on in his or her mind as explained earlier in chapter one. This has always been referred to as, “the spirit came upon” in various verses of the Bible. One of such instances is found in Mark 1:10-12:

And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him: And a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased. And straightway the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness.

In the above text, it is evident that Jesus Christ had no say of His own over what was to happen to Him, as if saying: *...nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt* – Matthew 26:29; the Spirit led Him straight into the wilderness without resistance from Him because He couldn't have change His destiny. Spirits can either be evil or godly. In 1 Samuel 16:23, the Bible recorded an event in which an evil spirit tormented King Saul: *And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul...*

Spirits whether satanic or godly manipulates our existence, and the characters we exhibit daily are a reflection of the spirit living in us, with us or coming upon us. Evil spirits manipulations make it difficult for an individual to please God, because what the individual does is to please Satan everyday as a result of his or her actions, which would result to evil manifestation everywhere. Everything that comes from such a person is evil, and when he or she walks-by people see evil; his or her behaviour is submerged in evil thoughts, and the righteousness of God is not in such a person. In that form no one can please God.

THE EMBODIMENT OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The understanding in 1 Corinthians 2:11, is that the Spirit of God is the mind of God: *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so*

the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. By abstraction, the spirit of man is therefore the ‘mind of man.’ This is very important and this information will help us to understand what we shall be discussing from now forward. When a child is born, the physical heart and soul comes into existence. When the child begins to contemplate, that is when the mind appears. The mind of man is where every kind of thought is sown and this is why we keep saying, “my mind told me.” After reading this book you will have cause to use the appropriate word such as, “my spirit informed me” instead of “my mind told me”. Here, the word ‘mind and spirit’ have been personified thus depicting their existence and potential to manipulate or influence.

It is easy to know when you are under the influence of another spirit because, the influencing spirit compels you to carry out instructions you would naturally not want to do. In 1 Corinthians 7:25, Saint Paul recognised this kind of spiritual influence when he said he was not under any compulsion from the Spirit of God to say the words he was saying:

Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: but I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be trustworthy...

And, because he spoke out of his own volition, it means his spirit was the one talking. In Matthew 12:34, this is

made clearer when Christ made the following assertion:
... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh

This implies that when you hear people talking it means they are talking from the abundance of the thoughts impregnated in their heart. This impregnation of thoughts in the heart is done by the kind of spirit influencing the person who is speaking. Prophet Jeremiah referred to this heart manipulation by spirits as, 'walking after the imagination of their own heart,' in Jeremiah 9:14-16, and in Jeremiah 17:9 God explained what the heart of man entails: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?* So when Christ said by their fruits we shall know them, in Matthew 7:16, He was referring to the physical manifestation of the spirit inherent in the human body.

We are going to look into the Bible to have a better understanding of the Human spirit and what it looks like. The first scripture verse is Jesus' answer to the Pharisee lawyer in Matthew 22: 37-38:

And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And the second scripture verse we will consider here is Jesus' answer to the Samaritan woman in, John 4:23: *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall*

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worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers

From the two scripture verses above we can confidently conclude that ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind’ is same as, ‘the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth.’

It therefore suffices to say that:

Human Spirit = Human heart + Human soul + Human mind

Now each of these; the human heart, the human soul and the human mind, can independently function as the human spirit. And each of them can also independently affect the kind of life we live, and our days on Earth. Here we would be seeing the spirit as the strength in man. The heart pumps the blood that brings strength, and the soul connects with the human thought to create a picture in our reasoning faculty. The mind is a psychological element, which also, have the potential to affect our reasoning.

In Isaiah 30:15, the prophet explains that we can renew our strength in the Lord through ‘quietness,’ which refers to meditational silence as we ponder over the word of God, and ‘confidence,’ which is trust and hope

in the Lord. The New American Standard and the New International Version of the Holy Bible rendered the word, 'SPIRIT' in Judges 15:19 in both King James and Amplified versions of the Bible as, 'STRENGTH.' And for the purpose of emphasis, we can also conclude that:

Human Spirit = Human Strength

We shall discuss these briefly for us to have a clearer picture of the Human spirit.

THE HUMAN HEART

It is natural that the human heart feeds the human body with the required nutrients to enable the body function. This is why the life span of the heart determines the life span of an individual because, there lies the powerhouse. Right from the day we were conceived in our mother's womb, the heart started its duty and would only stop when we die. In Genesis 2:7, we have an account of how God created man, and how man became a living soul: *And God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

From this verse we can see a direct connection between the breath of God and the functionality of the human heart. If the breath of God has been translated as the Spirit of God, then the human heart is the embodiment

of that breath from God, which is now known as the Human spirit.

THE HUMAN SOUL

The human soul encodes and decodes spiritual impulses or messages that resides in the spirit realm and transmits them directly into our dream world, or we would see them as visions when the information requires urgent attention. The human soul can also force the human body to undergo a trance when there is need for extra care, or the need for a solution to an impending problem. It also receives spiritual impulses into our mind from the spirit realm, and transmits spiritual impulses from our mind into the spirit realm. It works like a 'multi-passage gateway,' functioning as a bi-directional 'physicospiritual' communication interface. By this, I mean that the soul serves as information filter between the spirit realm and the physical. The soul is the feminine part of the Human spirit, while the mind is the masculine part of the Human spirit. And by this feminine nature, the human soul seduces spirits, and can be easily influenced also by spirits and spoken emotional words. The human soul loves to be happy, and is the one that sings and moves the human body into a dance. The human soul wants to talk especially, through whispering, humming and whistling. The human mind is the pondering nature of man. And the more matured the

mind becomes as a result of the information it has received, the wiser someone becomes.

The human soul encourages the human mind to endure the slow tick of the clock. The human soul is energised through joy, while the human mind is energised through knowledge. The human mind is the one that sources for information; the human soul is the one that consumes the information and uses the understanding it receives from the mind to make and keep the home resulting in what we know as the 'human mood,' while the heart's duty is to keep the physical-self alive.

This knowledge is important if you want to communicate your desires across into the realm of God. Your soul is the one that communicates your mind, implying that if the soul is seduced by the devil, and it flirts with him, all your information will go into the realm of darkness. Now, the mind carries all the information that the soul decodes, it would be of a great benefit to us if we would just condition what information we process in our thought system. This is why your spiritual inclination is of importance. If you are not a Believer, redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, you are bound to have spiritual affairs that would deaden your entire earthly life. We can see this in Psalms 43:5:

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

When the human soul fades in dejection as a result of events around us and when it cannot receive spiritual impulses, we become confused, abased, and live a worrisome life. This is why it is good for us to always live a joyous life, so as to keep the soul lively and willing. This is why also; a gathering that is not lively in the Lord can hardly receive answers to their requests because the soul is left out.

The echo of the soul can penetrate several layers of spiritual realms. This information is also very important for healing ministers. The soul must be willing before healing can take place, and so all you need is to encourage the mind through the promises of God that the soul can sing continuously, and once this happens, the physical will just respond to the spoken and digested word. This is why healing takes place in an atmosphere of worship and praise.

THE HUMAN MIND

The human mind receives impulses from the human soul and also transmits impulses to the human soul. The human mind is affected by the conditions and situations in our environment. Apart from being in direct

communication with the human soul, the human mind is also in direct communication with the human senses.

The messages generated or received by the mind either from the human soul (subconscious state) or the human senses (conscious state) are packets of “thoughts” we have daily. These packets of human thoughts are converted into streams of spiritual energies or waves that are transmitted by the human soul into a particular spiritual circle of influence, which you subscribe to in your subconscious state as a result of your spiritual inclination and your desires. This is evident in Daniel 2:28-29:

But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

The human mind feeds directly from the human senses and these senses receives impulses from the human heart, which means that the packets of thoughts generated daily, residing in our minds are generated by our heartbeats. The human breath is directly connected to the heartbeat and this breath is what we received from God through Adam. This means that whatsoever thoughts we generate or receive in our mind is not

hidden from God because He is in charge of our breath. This is why the writers of the Bible often use the term, “And God remembered” which is to say, God decided to remember not because he was not aware of your affliction; He only intervened when he needed to (see Exodus 3:7).

Answers to our prayers are usually received as thoughts (usually deep insights through the word of God), dreams or vision. See Daniel 2:19-20: *Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:*

Each of these mediums can either be internal or external. When it is internal, the revelation is made known to you. When it is external, the revelation is made known to another person whose soul transmits or receives impulses from the same circle of influence with you. When someone tells you he was moved in the spirit to give you a gift, he actually received that instruction as “a thought” which was sent via his own human soul. His soul encodes the message and sends it to his mind where it is interpreted as “a thought.”

The initial request for this assistance was generated as “a thought” by you in your mind, transmitted into your soul, decoded and encoded by your soul and transmitted by your soul into your spiritual circle of influence. And

as explained before, depending on the urgency, this information can be fed directly via the person's soul into other channel of revelations (dreams, vision or trance). We can only receive instructions from God when we know his mind and this is only possible when we have the mind of Christ as explained in 1 Corinthians 2:16: *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

This is the secret – the main purpose of the Holy Communion is to communicate the pains Jesus went through to save the world into your mind. Once you become remorseful, you would repent and ask for forgiveness, and as this is happening, your repented mind is willing to receive more from Christ – you won't want to end it at receiving the communion, you would want to sing a hymn and also pray. The soul picks this heartfelt repentance, worship and prayer, as a bundle of information now filled with the blood of the lamb and echoes it across the spiritual realm.

The blood of Jesus, which speaks better things than that of Abel, will accompany your prayers to make atonement for you. The devil trembles at the sight of the blood of Jesus. To hear what the soul communicates into your mind, you must be in that repented form also. This is why many people don't receive answers to their prayers because they are always moving to and fro in their faith.

THE OVERCOMING HUMAN SPIRIT

The Human spirit is truthful only when it communes with the Spirit of God - the Spirit of Truth. This is well explained in Job 32:8:

But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

When you receive the spirit of understanding from God you will be able to overcome every kind of tribulation that comes your way. Pray for God to endow you with the spirit of understanding.

SPIRITS CONTROLLING THE HUMAN BODY

The Bible made references to the following forms of spirits that can co-exist with the human spirit or totally take over control of the human body:

- Spirit of God - Genesis 1:2
- Spirit of Life - Genesis 7:22
- Spirit of Wisdom - Exodus 28:3
- Familiar Spirits - Leviticus 19:31
- The spirit of burning - Isaiah 4:4
- Spirits of all flesh - Numbers 16:22
- Spirit of the Lord - Isaiah 11:2

- Evil Spirit - Judges 9:23, 1Samuel 16:15
- Enticing Spirit - 1 kings 22:21
- Spirit of Lying - 1 Kings 22:22,23
- Spirit of Sorrow- 1Samuel 1:15
- Spirit of willingness - Psalms 51:12
- Spirit of Faithfulness - Proverb 11:13
- Spirit of Greed - Proverb 28:25
- The Spirit of Egypt (by extension, Every Country has a spirit that can exercise influence on the citizens) - Isaiah 19:3
- Spirit of Pul King of Assyria (by extension, every king, local government chairman, governor, president, manager or boss in the office has a Spirit that can exercise control over the people under them) - 1Chronicles 5:26
- Spirit of Instruction - Nehemiah 9:20
- Spirit of Jealousy- Numbers 5:14
- Spirit of Slumber - Romans 11:8
- Spirit of Fear - 2 Timothy 1:7,etc.

The list is endless and all these spirits compete for a space in our body and each of them has a potential to cause a change in our character and wellbeing. So you now see that events do not just happen, they happen because they are caused to happen by spirits possessing our bodies. It is common knowledge that the witchcraft causes evil. If we begin to understand that what makes a

witchcraft leaves his body in a conscious form is in us then we will have a better understanding of the spirit being. The only difference between us as Believers will be who is behind the manifestations of our human spirit.

As for the witchcraft, he or she has allowed the Devil to manipulate his or her spirit to function according to the devouring duties of Satan. If as Believers we can live a godly life controlled by the Spirit of God then this world will be the better for us. This godly life is termed Christian virtues, which include Faith, Hope and Love (1 Corinthians 13:13). With these three, every Believer can subdue every form of evil spirit from the pit of hell.

When people behave in an abnormal way know that they are under certain spiritual influences. If you have a quarrelling neighbour or companion, pray that the spirit behind that character should give way so that God can take His rightful place in his/her body because it is the temple of God - 1 Corinthians 3:16.

THE SWINGING OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The human spirit is always swinging as a result of impulses received from the various forms of controlling spirits. In most cases these impulses are against the will of God and they pollute the heart of every human being

making it difficult for God to possess the body. We can see this account in Mark 7:21-23:

For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man

All these attributes are evident of the kind of spirits controlling the human spirit and they all have “the Spirit of...” before them. For example, the spirit of deceit is the name of the controlling spirit that leads the human Spirit into sin thereby causing the human spirit to swing into a sinful nature.

Every human being is in search for God (Isaiah 58:2), and in most cases seeks Him in the wrong places, which is why many have become entangled in philosophical religious quest, taking them even far away from God. This is why the Lord revealed to His prophet – Jeremiah 50:6: *My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.* Here we see that many people suffering today are those who seek their own shepherd, and not one given to them by God for so many reasons, and on top of these are greed and the search for signs and wonders. So they are here today, tomorrow they are there. God’s desire is to choose a shepherd for us (Jeremiah 3:15).

Such people do not know when good comes because they have no eyes to see – Jeremiah 17:5-6: *Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.*

The form of human controlling spirits explained above mutilates our human spirit and making it difficult for us to please God daily. Whatsoever we sow in our heart or mind manifests in the physical because they have now become forms of spirits controlling our human spirit. When you lust after a woman as a man for instance, the spirit of lust will not allow you to have peace until you sleep with that woman. This is why Christ cautioned in Mathew 5:28:

...but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to LUST after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (emphases mine)

This is true because you are only postponing the evil day and as long as you see that woman daily you will one day unleash your lustful desire on her through any means.

If you are the lazy type and you always want others to do things while you hide then also know that this is how your spirit is hiding from participating in Godly affairs

and not until you spiritually participate in Godly affairs you cannot exercise dominating tendencies in the physical. God's ministers see this in the church when many people only come during anointing service or during proclamation of blessings. They expect to receive always without sowing their time and energy. When people give flimsy excuses to defend their unproductivity as a result of their nonchalant attitude towards work, also know that their spirit is exhibiting nonchalance in the sight of God, and so, they can not receive anything from Him because they will not even know when God is talking to them and giving them divine instructions that are intended to change their situation.

If I come into church one morning and pour water on the congregation, many will not find it funny and they will even burst into rage with derogatory words. To them, I may cease from being their pastor. This is why Jesus Christ explained forgiveness in a brand new manner different from what was common to the Jews as explained in Matthew 18:22:

Then came Peter and said to him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven

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Also hear Jesus speaking in the book of Matthew 5:38-41:

Ye have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say unto you, resist not him that is evil: but whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him two."

The reason for all these instructions to us is to enable us limit our swing in the spirit so that the spirit of anger does not dominate our intentions and cause us to be angry daily. We are going to meet things that will make us angry, anyway. Even while you are at home, there are things that will make you to become angry like hitting your toe against an object, for instance. We would take the advice in Proverbs 16:32:

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city...

The standard of life we live also causes a swing in our spirit, especially when we see that our peers are better than us, and the pressure of survival, coupled with the characteristics of the events happening around us. God wants a stable spirit that is always putting smiles on people's faces. This is why Saint Paul admonishes Believers to always rejoice: *And we exhort you, brethren,*

admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all. See that none render unto any one evil for evil; but always follow after that which is good, one toward another, and toward all. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you - 1Thessalonians 5:14-18.

This way, we can overcome the swinging of our spirit and be in tune with the Spirit of God so that our strength can be renewed in Christ Jesus.

CONDITIONING OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The word spirit was rendered from the Hebrew word “RUACH,” transliterated as “Breath.” We would also remember that God breathed into Adam and he became a living soul in, Genesis 2:7: *And God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul*

The breath you have is a loan from God. Adam became a living being and began to exist in two forms after God breathed into his nostrils. The moment the breath came into Adam, the soul was awakened, and when he started perceiving physical events and thinking, the mind was born. The soul was there to connect with God to bring answers to all Adam needed to know. But God didn’t give him the freedom yet to know what he wanted to

know. So we now have the heart, soul and mind. This is also why Christ listed them in this order in, Matthew 22:37: *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* In reviving the dead to life, this is also the order of awakening. The heartbeats, the soul come alive, and the person begin to ask questions and the mind start functioning again. The spirit form manipulates the affairs of the physical as we are made to understand in, 1 Corinthians 2: 11: *For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him?...*

The human spirit is the invisible part of the human existence on Earth, the principle of life, feeling, thought, and action in humans, regarded as a distinct entity separate from the body, and commonly held to be separable in existence from the body. It is distinct from the physical part and is also known in the spirit realm by the name you bear in the physical. When Satan wants to afflict you, he calls your spirit by the same name you are known. This is why God had to change the names of Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah as a confirmation of His intervention in their case - Genesis 17:5,15.

Sometime we talk to ourselves and people will say it is as a result of our absent mindedness. We could be walking down the road and we would see ourselves missing our direction, which we only noticed after some walk from our intended destination not that we do not know where

we are going but because we have lost consciousness of our physical self. We are seldom puzzled when we see people talking to themselves and if we ask them what the matter is, they will reply, “Nothing”.

Our absent mindedness is as a result of our unconscious transformation into a superficial spirit form. This makes us think deeply, solving problems in an unusual way - different from what we are used to. Jesus existed in the spirit realm at the same time as being in the physical; a transformation I referred to earlier as the Duplex Communication Metamorphosis (DCM), and in one occasion He was seen writing down deep spiritual truths which the ordinary man could not discern as recorded in John 8:7-8:

But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you; let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground

When Jesus lifted up Himself, He saw the physical and responded the way He did and when He stooped to concentrate He was in the spirit, and was seen writing down deep spiritual truths. The reason for his stooping to concentrate is explained in Isaiah 30:15:

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For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength

The Bible text above made mention of quietness and confidence; a rare attribute of the supernatural displayed by Christ in John 8:7-8.

The human spirit can be conditioned to exhibit different spiritual traits. These spiritual traits are what we describe the physical with. For instance, we use such words as; what an amiable fellow, a hardworking young man, he cannot hurt a fly, a virtuous woman, a hooligan etc. These are attributes of individuals as displayed by their physical nature and characters or behaviours, which are the bye-products of spiritual manipulations. For instance, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are exhibited by the individuals having such gifts, and these gifts affect the physical being of the person in question. The Bible made reference to these gifts in, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10:

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of

tongues: but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will

All these gifts are seen as physical manifestations of the form of spirit residing in an individual and they condition the human spirit to respond to their dictates. This is why in the book of Proverbs 21:24, the Bible made it clear that every human being in most cases cannot understand their own actions:

A man's steps are of the Lord; How then can a man understand his own way?

The centurion in Matthew 8:9, typified this kind of control most explicitly: *For I also am a man under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

This is why the Psalmist wrote in Psalms 119:105: *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.* The word of God is the Believer's compass and map.

THE PLACE OF FASTING AND PRAYER IN HUMAN SPIRIT CONDITIONING

Fasting enables us to eat spiritual food, as one is not suppose to eat both spiritual and physical food simultaneously. When we desire to fast, we close our

mouth to the physical and open it to the spiritual to suck honey from the rock of ages. This is the whole essence of fasting and the result would be a better walk with the Lord thereafter. When we fast or pray we are actually conditioning our spirit to be in tune with the spirit of God. It is an imaging, face-to-face phenomenon – focally looking unto Jesus, so as to be spiritually stamped by His form. We try to take the resemblance of Christ during the process, as we submit and become fused with His glory. This is why we have to be careful with the kind of prayers we say with our mouth and the kind of fasting we do undergo because God is always searching our hearts to know if our prayers are actually what we mean in the physical. God wants total worship. There is no doubt about this. In Isaiah 58, God questioned the Israelites on the relevance of fasting and prayer to Him when people were living among them who were homeless and starving. Prayer is a sacrifice and God will only respect sacrifices made to Him with a godly heart, that is, with a human spirit that He can communicate with. Often times we are quick to start praying when we hear that a brother or sister is sick.

This type of prayer is referred to as impulsive prayer; a prayer made out of your assumed charisma as a Christian and because you want to be seen as the serious Christian people presume you to be. This kind of prayer in most cases is fruitless. How many of us have gone to lay hands on mad people in the street because we are Believers? In

doing that we often want God to take the lead by waiting on Him. Why then are we in a hurry to pray when we see that things are going wrong in our life without first seeking God's face concerning the matter by conditioning our spirit so that God can use it as a tool to achieve the intended solution to our prayers.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT AS GOD'S TOOL

From the foregoing, we understand that God works with the spirit of man in order to cause the kind of changes we see in our world. This is further explained in Proverbs 20:27:

The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

This is why we have conscience when our actions are not right. The spirit inside you is the one that will condemn you first when you sin and the only way to overcome such condemnation is to accept Christ and live in Him as stated in Romans 8:1: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus" because, whosoever live in Christ "is dead to sin"- Romans 6:2: *God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein.*

The inner depth of the heart is the one that communes with God as mentioned in Psalms 42:7: *Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls: All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me*

This implies that if God cannot use your spirit as His lamp, then the assertion in Psalms 42:7, “Deep calleth unto deep,” can never be true in your life as a Christian and you cease from benefiting from the things that God has freely given to you.

DEPARTURE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The Human spirit can depart the body in the following circumstance:

1. When we experience serious thirst - Judges 15:19: This condition affects the human heart, as the blood becomes deprived of oxygenated water, and gradually we would become weak. Then the mind would start fainting out of reality, and gradually disconnects from the soul.
2. When we are very hungry - 1 Samuel 30:12: This is similar to ‘1’ above. Hunger affects of thinking, as we would often begin to worry, and our thinking would be so disorganised that the mind also becomes disorganised. We are easily angered, and the

soul would just depart because the lively environment that rejuvenates the soul is not there.

3. When we experience threat to life (e.g. Accident) and become deadly afraid - Joshua 2:11: This condition sends fear into the heart, thereby increasing the heartbeat. Once the heartbeat increases, fast repetitive impulses are generated and sent into our minds. Honestly the mind will become so confused, and once the ordered pattern of relating information to the soul is altered, the link between the two is disconnected, and the soul fades out of existence.
4. When we receive bad news - Genesis 45:27: As in '3' above. Sorrow kills the soul.
5. When we experience persecution - Psalms 143:7: This is mainly targeted at weakening the soul, because our joy is gradually being taken away from us.
6. When we experience sorrow - Proverbs 15:13: This is similar to '5 and 6' above.

This departure is "what we seldom refer to as 'my mind flew' or 'my heart flew.'

The departure of the human spirit leads to coma or eventual death if the condition is not brought under astute control. This is why when a patient is in the state

of coma, he or she is normally kept under a drip in a calm environment to allow the spirit to come back so that he or she can renew his or her strength (Isaiah 30:15). What is actually being done here is allowing the ordered pattern of communication between the soul and the mind to be linked so that communication can start. When the heart stops, the human senses dies, and the mind can no longer process any information, then the soul, which is seen in the spiritual, as a mass of cloudy streams of vapour, evaporating and condensing around the human head, will disconnect from the mind, and will float away.

This assertion is evident in Job 17:1: *My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct, The grave is [ready] for me*

And in proverbs 17:22: *A cheerful heart is a good medicine; But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.*

REVIVING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

We can revive our failing human spirit when we are down trodden or become worn out and dejected, in the following ways:

- Always have good water to drink - Judges 15: 19
- Eating good and nutritious food always -1 Samuel 30:12

- Let your ways please the Lord - Proverb 16:7
- Hearing good news - Genesis 45:27
- Having a glad and cheerful heart - Proverbs 15:13, 17:22
- Have a quiet time to study the word of God - Isaiah 30:15
- Asking for God's intervention - Psalms 143:7

This way we can live long, worship and praise God together in one accord all the days of our life. The dead do not praise the Lord - Psalms 115:17.

REFLECTION

In 1 Corinthians 2:15, we are brought to the understanding that for us to judge spiritual things we have to be in the spirit and we also need to know the mind of God so that we can understand the events surrounding us. Having knowledge of the happenings around you requires that you must be transformed above the realm of the physical. How many of us know the transformation that takes place when we are in a dream? The wave of spiritual energy that envelops us when we are in a dream is beyond our knowledge and understanding. This shows that the day we die, we shall surely be somewhere in the spirit and we will never return because our physical body is dead and rotting

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away in the grave. Have we prepared an eternal home for this immortal being in us? Think about it.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER TWO

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TRANSFORMATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of the waters – Genesis 1:1-2*

We have been talking about the spirit of man in the last chapter. In summary, we were made to know that the human spirit is influenced by the characteristics of the world we live in and the characters we display, which shows the way our spirit act and behave in the supernatural. These we said are the spirits of jealousy, hatred, backbiting and so on as earlier discussed and also taking a learning from the book of Mark 7:21-23. In this

session we shall be talking about the transformation of the Spirit of God.

Here we are going to have an understanding of how the Spirit of God is depicted or the forms in which He is widely known so that you can easily know when God is around and therefore yielding yourself to Him in His presence.

The Spirit of God is a name that has been widely used both in the Old and New Testament to refer to the presence of God. It is a translation of the Hebrew word “RUACH” which means the breath of God, or sometimes called “PNEUMA” in Greek also referring to “breath.” The Bible said, God breathed into Adam and he became a living being.

So, the breath of God is the spirit that brought life into the lifeless body of Adam. There is no way the word would have been rendered in English as breath, wind or breeze; hence it was rendered “Spirit.” The mere fact that the supernatural presence of God was rendered as, ‘invincible,’ explains the influencing power of God over the affairs of man. A certain philosopher of old called God, ‘the unmoved mover.’

In chapter 2, it was explained that the Spirit of God is the mind of God, and if we read 1 Corinthians 2, we would see that the Spirit of God has been explained in

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summary to mean His mind. God's Spirit is the breath of life and has the ability to create, and the ability to put things in order. In the book of Genesis 1:2,3 the Bible explained:

...and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

When the Spirit of God comes, He has the ability to create and bring deadness back into life as further explained in Job 33:4:

The Spirit of God hath made me, And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

This buttresses the fact that not until God's spirit moves in your life, will you still be far from reality. Hence, Christ is inviting us to live and appreciate the Spirit being within us so that we can understand God better, and the only way to do that is to accept Christ's invitation in John 7:38:

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water

Believing in Jesus is key for anybody who wants to exist with God in the supernatural. Here in John 7:38, the Holy Spirit activity is represented as flowing rivers of living water. Living water is a healing and life-

transforming medicament. This, therefore, means that the Holy Spirit is that spiritual water reservoir where the flow will come from. And for a continuous flow, the reservoir must be continuously refilled just like we constantly fill our water tanks to ensure the water utilities in the house are functioning properly. This type of flow is well captured in Jeremiah 2:13: *“For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters...”* The fountain type of flow is what the Holy Spirit is to anybody He lives inside of.

For there to be an indwelling God’s spirit in every Believer, Christ instituted the Holy Communion so that by faith we are carrying the body of Christ - the only body recognised by the Holy Spirit.

When we talk about the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ we are talking about the Holy Communion, where the bread represent the flesh and the wine represent the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ made it clear that, if He does not go, God cannot send the Holy Spirit.

Nobody has seen the bones of Jesus Christ, Archaeologists have not been able to find the bones of Jesus Christ which means He resurrected the way He was and went back to heaven and it was after He had gone that He sent down the breath of heaven - Holy Spirit. The reason why He asked the Father to quickly send the Holy Ghost was for us to know the things to do

as Believers and live in the Spirit with the mind of Christ – John 16:14: *He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.* Here is where our spiritual alertness is needed. The word used by Jesus is the past tenses of show – *shew it unto you.* It is about seeing beyond the physical.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Three major reasons for the Holy Spirit being given to us was given by Jesus in John 16:8: *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment,* as the foundations for the works of the Holy Spirit. As we read through that chapter, other facts about the Holy Spirit purpose are discovered. The purpose of the Holy Spirit would be seen as:

- To reprove the world of sin – John 16: 9
- To reprove the world of righteousness - John 16: 10
- To reprove the world of judgement – John 16: 11
- To Guide us into all truth - John 16: 12
- Give us revelation from God – John 16: 13,15, Isaiah 42:9
- Glorify Jesus in our lives – John 16: 14
- Physically represent Jesus here on Earth to guide us – John 16: 16, 25, Isaiah 30:21, Isaiah 42:16

- Turns our sorrows into joy – John 16:20-22, Acts 1:8, Acts 2
- Guide us into asking rightly – John 16:24
- Help us to overcome the desire and quest for worldliness by creating the mindset of attaining heavenly perfection in us - John 16:33

HOW CHURCH DOCTRINE AFFECTS THE PURPOSE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

In the book of Jeremiah 2:13, God made mention of the broken cistern: *For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*

A broken cistern represents the doctrine that does not reflect the character of God in many of our churches today; the way we have tried to live to please our physical entity and neglecting the precepts of God has made it very difficult for us to really live the life of the Holy Spirit of God. Thus making it difficult for the Holy Spirit to take possession of our body, which is rightly His own property. We have always felt we want things to be done our own way – hewing broken cisterns that holds no water, and seeing it as the only way we have to do whatsoever we are doing, thus neglecting the voice of direction from the Holy Spirit. Many have also been stubborn in the spirit and find it difficult to yield to God's instruction and advice. This is why Jesus says –

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Matthew 19:8: *He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

When our church started, I was bothered about so many things, trying to please so many people so that they will believe the Lord calls me to serve. I wanted to see the popularly called ‘SU’ members alone in the church, but God spoke to me one morning and He said “I have called you to teach the word, just teach and leave the rest for me”. In a nutshell, He wants me to allow His Spirit do the conviction and repentance. Many churches’ doctrines today have driven many would-be children of God into the streets simply because their Pastors lack the right word to teach. This is the result of not listening to God. We have given much attention to the physical outlook that today a good Pastor is known and regarded by the kind of suit he puts on and the phonetic rendering of what he says, and not the fruit of the spirit in his life - an assessment method that God kicked against in I Samuel 16: 6-7:

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely God’s anointed is before him. But God said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for [God seeth] not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh in the heart”.

Concentrating on earthly doctrines all in the face of trying to please people and making them accept you will surely make you fail God's litmus test - the Spirit-filled life test.

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our understanding of the Holy Spirit of God will make us pay lesser attention to the problems we have in the world today. It touches me when I see people staying idle, and instead of proclaiming the gospel and kingdom of God, you see them talk about worldly affairs that will not yield good fruits for them. It is very easy for us to know what is happening around or in any other kingdom of the world but it is difficult for us to actually understand what is happening within us.

The world has succeeded in taking us away from God by creating events around us that we always talk about; occupying our minds that we now have little or no time to talk about God. Our body is the temple of the living God and as His temple, if we don't prepare it in such a way that God can come and dwell in it, He won't come in. It is only when we begin to see ourselves as the temple of His spirit that He can come and dwell inside us.

In Matthew 6:24, 33-34 the Bible says: *No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. But seek ye first God's kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

The things we are always thinking about are what we want for ourselves, shelter, cars, clothing, food to eat etc. It could be funny that Christ made it clear to us that life is more important than all the things we are thinking of, but this is the reality. The Holy Spirit of God is the Spirit of life, He is the giver of life and we should start thinking about the Spirit of God more, for us to start living the life in the spirit. As Jesus advised - John 6:63: *It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, are life.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FORM OF A DOVE

The Holy Spirit is invisible but when He wants to possess a man and cause a physical manifestation, He can appear in a physical cloudy dove-like form. What people see as the dove is the Shekinah resting on whomever the Spirit want to manifest through. One of the ways the Holy Spirit manifest His presence is in the form of dove as recorded in Matthew 3:16:

And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a Dove, and coming upon him

How many of us have seen a dove before? I want you to imagine why the Holy Spirit descended on Christ from Heaven in the form of a dove, and why not in the form of a hen or turkey, but a dove? This is an assignment, and as you read on, meditate on the life of the physical dove, on what kind of life the bird portrays, and in that way we will begin to understand the Spirit of God.

From the understanding posited in Genesis 1:2, if we infer that the spirit was actually a dove hovering on the surface of the waters, I don't think we are wrong. Also don't let us forget that while Noah was in the ark he sent out a dove which returned with an Olive leaf - Genesis 8:11. Olive oil is widely used, even till date, as anointing oil. God said, 'let there be light,' after that the Spirit had moved, and when Jesus Christ was being baptised, the Spirit of God descended as a dove, and a voice spoke accompanying the entourage of the Spirit from heaven as recorded in the book of Mark 1:9-11: *And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heavens, saying; Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased...*

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Anytime the presence of the Spirit of God causes a renewal of life, He also announces whomsoever He possesses and dwell in.

The dove is a calm bird. We will also understand the spirit if we ask ourselves why the Lord created the multitudes of birds we have in the sky. Are they meant only for food? Birds occupy a special spiritual place, as messengers of good or evil. Many a witch doctors uses birds as their agents, and they would send them special errands. Lets take a look at Ecclesiastes 10:20: ... *for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.*

The book of Leviticus 11:13-19, lists some birds which God says are detestable and as such, they mustn't be touched or eaten: *And these you shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, the kite, the falcon of any kind, every raven of any kind, the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any kind, the little owl, the cormorant, the short-eared owl, the barn owl, the tawny owl, the carrion vulture, the stork, the heron of any kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.* Many of us would usually read this and leave it like that without having a second thought at this portion of the Bible, because we feel we are now in a new covenant, but the fact remains that if we do not understand the spiritual reasoning behind many of the laws in Leviticus will we be able to understand the purpose of the new covenant in Christ.

But, we cannot understand the devil except we know what God hates. And we cannot understand the purpose of the spirit of God in our lives until we list out the opposite of what God hates.

This is where our discussion of these birds would come from, and our understanding of the symbol of the Holy Spirit typified as a living dove. Among the birds listed there, is the owl that is seen in many African circles as an evil omen. Another also listed is the bat, also seen as an evil bird. We would see that birds play a special role in human colony. From these detested bird, we would begin to see the character of those under the influence of the devil:

- **Vulture:** The vulture is a bird of prey, which usually gathers in anticipation of the death of an animal or a person. It feeds on dead decaying animals. This act is typical of people who crave for what belong to others, with the mindset of exploitation. The kite also falls in this category. Such people give you fraudulent cheque, invoice, receipt, etc. The raven also feeds on carrion, representing exploitation.
- **Eagle:** It is also a bird of prey feeding on dead animals. It has a sharp sight and powerful soaring glide; typical of the character of one who is greedy. One with an eagle kind of eye would want to visit the world for selfish interests. The symbol of the US

is the eagle, and we have seen time without number how the US has influenced the governance of the nations in the world.

- **Falcon:** This is also another bird of prey, which usually catches its prey by diving on it unawares. People with this character backstab, blackmail, hate, and plot your death behind you. This is also the way the nighthawk lives; it takes its prey by surprise. Have those you trusted attacked you with a sharp tongue of slander? Don't be surprised; they are under the influence of the spirit of the falcon or the hawk.
- **Ostrich:** The ostrich is the largest living known bird that does not fly. So its classification as a bird is somehow misleading because a special quality of birds is missing in its life. This is typical of people living a deceitful life and would refuse to face reality. Their head is always tucked into the cloud, expecting too much from tomorrow when the means to getting there is not in place. Many Believers who often engage in prayers for wealth are in this category. We are told that the way we make our bed is how we will lie on it.
- **Seagull:** This is a bird known for its continuous disturbing and harsh calling sound. Typical of noisemakers, and troublesome preposterous people.

They want their voice to be heard even when they are not making any sense in a gathering.

- **Owl:** This is a nocturnal bird with a loud hooting sound. To hoot is to mock. These kinds of people are just there, sitting on the fence, and insulting those who are out to earn a living. They would discourage you from making any effort to succeed. They earn their pride through your downfall, and so they would want to see you not rising to your challenges. The bat also is a nocturnal bird, and derogatorily used sometimes to refer to prostitutes, or whatever is unattractive.

From these we can say that the spirit of the devil is a devouring, nocturnal, noisy, proud, selfish, prostituting, arrogant, unreasonably unrealistic, and covetous being. And those under its influence will act in like manner. Some occult symbols are from one of these birds.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FORM OF A MIGHTY RUSHING WIND

When God remembered Noah, He caused a strong wind to dry up the waters in Genesis 8:1-3: *And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; and*

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the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

Whatsoever proceed from God is the handiwork of God and every handiwork of God is executed through His Holy Spirit. John 15:26, Says: *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall bear witness of me.*

This suffice to say that the wind God sent to dry up the Earth so that Noah could breathe again as a free man is the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts 2:2-4, the Holy Spirit came into the upper room in the form of a rushing mighty wind:

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Have you seen a wind before? How does it look like? You can't hold wind, you can't see it but you can feel it, and at least you may have seen a rushing wind before and also felt it's force when it comes around. When we want to sleep and we discover that the room is hot - in some cases we open our windows and allow the cool air

outside to come in - we do this so that we can have some peace, and sleep through the night. Sometime you put on your air conditioner so that you can have cool breeze to enable you sleep well.

If the wind is so important to you why don't you begin to think of the Spirit of God in the form of the rushing wind and His potency to give you a fresh new life and a new beginning? Wind brings:

- **Comfort:** We receive the peace that comes with the wind when we have prepared for it. This is how we also feel when we are ready to receive the Holy Spirit.
- **Discomfort:** We hate the wind when we don't need it. When we are in sin, we don't want the Holy Spirit, because the moment He comes we become uncomfortable in sin.
- **Shattering:** The wind takes away anything on its way. We are told that man proposes but God disposes. We may be prepared to do something that is against God's will and the Holy Spirit will shatter the plans – this is what happened in the conversion of Paul.

- **Seeds dispersal:** The wind helps in the dispersal of seeds and the ones that fall on good soil will germinate and grow to become trees that would bear fruits. This is possible when the seed is light enough to be transferred to a new environment where it would grow – We are told that the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip and he was found in Azotus – Acts 8:40. This is what happens when we are led to do things by the spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FORM OF A FLAME OF FIRE

In Acts 2:3, the Spirit of God is that appearance like a tongue of flame of fire sitting upon the Apostles: ...*And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them.* John 15:26 made us to understand that the Holy Spirit is whatsoever proceeds or simply put, whatsoever comes from God. This is why it is said that the scriptures were written under the influence of the Holy Spirit who gave the utterances from God. The following Bible verses also buttress the fact that the Holy Spirit is in the form of fire sent from above. The first verse I want to talk about is Exodus 3:2, where God appeared to Moses: *And the angel of God appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed*

Now the Angel cannot do anything on his own except permitted by the Holy Spirit of God. The Angel was encapsulated in a “career” rendered as ...*appeared unto him in a flame of fire*. The flame of fire that transported the Angel to that bush was the Holy Spirit, which if rendered otherwise would read: “The Holy Spirit transported the Angel of God.”

And the second instance I want to mention, is the fire that came down from heaven when Elijah challenged the worshippers of Baal to a contest of who the true God is, as recorded in, 1 Kings 18:38-39: *Then the fire of God fell, and consumed the burnt-offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is God; The Lord, he is God.*

When you see a flame of fire burning you should think of the Spirit of God, and if you would do this consistently, it will come to a point when you become very conscious of the Spirit of God and He will begin to manifest in your life. As you think in this direction, you would come to understand that the Spirit of God is real and can actually cause a change in your life.

In the Bible text above, the fire fell from heaven and consumed everything around, including the stones, dust and the water in the trench. This shows that no matter

how ugly any situation is, it can be wiped out when He shows up in your life.

We would now see how the physical flames of the fire we have around us affects our lives, and the interpretation they give to those who sees them around us. Fire burns when there is fuel. Lets take a look at the burnt offerings of old – the fats in these animals are the reason they would burn. I would liken these fats to our zeal for the work of God. The Holy Spirit encourages us to become flames of fire - Psalm 104:4, when He dwells in us. He is the source of the fire and the igniter. But we must be become like fuel for this to take effect. And when this happen the following takes place:

- We create warmth, and those undergoing coldness in their lives would want to gather around us to receive warmth.
- We create light for others to see and walk out of darkness.
- We cause attraction as fire does.
- People want to get something cooked in us.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FORM OF A FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

In Jeremiah 17:13, the Spirit of God was referred to as the Fountain of Living Water: *O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me*

shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

They abandoned God who is their fountain of living waters. John 4:24 made us to know that God is a spirit, therefore the ending phrase in Jeremiah 17:13, can be transliterated as: "...because they have forsaken the Lord, the Spirit of knowledge, understanding and wisdom" and therefore, the Holy Spirit equals the Fountain of living waters. In John 7:38 Christ depicts the fullness of the Holy Spirit in one's life as a river of flowing waters:

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

In the book of John 5:4, the Bible made mention of a pool of water being troubled by an Angel of God to cause healing:

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

What propelled the Angel into the pool of water was the Holy Spirit of God; it was the saturation of that pool with the power of God that caused the healing, and the power of God is made manifest when His Spirit is present. We can also compare John 5:4 with Genesis 1:2: *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was*

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upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

This in itself is self explanatory, that the presence of water is a pointer to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Since we have water around us, the Holy Spirit is also everywhere present. Water is very significant in our day-to-day living. Whenever you are thirsty, no matter what else you drink, it is until you drink water will you quench that thirst.

A brother sent me an email on the 24th of December 2005, wishing me a merry Christmas. While replying, I was led by the Holy Spirit to tell him to take a fresh bath in water at about 12:00 midnight on the eve of January 1st 2006 (Midnight of December 31st 2005) and that while taking the bath he should prophesy to himself concerning his desires, and that whatsoever he desired that night will come to pass in 2006. I sent this prophecy to him as reply to his email. Few months later in 2006, he replied the email that the prophecy has been fulfilled.

If you desire the Holy Spirit, you can have him always. His manifestation in water is what makes water baptism a significant exercise for repentance from sin. In Psalms 42:7, King David explained his personal Holy Spirit transformation experience as being bathed in a waterfall:

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Now, let us see what the benefits of the natural fountain of water, flowing from the rock would lead to in the physical:

1. **River:** This is a means of navigation, fishing and irrigation. The river could also be dammed to provide electricity. We would therefore see the fountain flow of the Holy Spirit as opportunities for prosperity. This is what wisdom does to those that have it, because they would employ this understanding, and desire the Holy Spirit.
2. **Cleansing:** We can be bathed in the river and become cleansed of dirt. This is purification. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and sanitizes the environment and us.
3. **Direction:** It is the directional ability of a flowing fountain that enables it to produce rivers. And overtime it will become pronounced. This is what the Holy Spirit does to anybody He lives in. He gives you direction daily.
4. **Refreshment:** Since fountains flow continuously, they refresh the water body they flow into with fresh water from the aquifer. This is what happens to

anybody the Spirit of God possesses. Out of them flows, living waters, rivers akin to streams of opportunities. Living water preserves the creatures that live in it.

THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS OMNIPRESENT

We've talked about the pool of water, and the Holy Spirit manifesting as a rushing mighty wind; what do you think would happen when He comes into this place and saturates it? - There will be healing, lighted lives, renewed destinies, the list is endless! When we talk about Him as a fountain of living water, this means that if He comes into this room, He fills it and the presence becomes a pool until it begin to overflow the room, and becomes a flowing river.

This is what happens when the Holy Spirit comes into an environment; the whole place becomes charged. It is just like a transistor radio receiver, if your neighbours are tuned to a particular frequency, you can as well tune to that frequency and get the broadcast across.

For instance, when you're watching a television programme in your room someone else is also watching the same program elsewhere. This is how the Holy Spirit works. When He comes, He fills and saturates the environment. This is why we say He is omnipresent.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS
A LIVING PERSONALITY

The Holy Spirit actually exists and can be felt as one can touch and hold any human being. He is such a real living entity that manifests His presence around us. In the Garden of Eden, there was a tree that could give life and God protected that tree from being accessed by anybody until Christ came. When Christ was born, the tree of life was made available for mankind so that those who believe in Him can have access to the tree of life. This tree of life is the same as the Holy Spirit. This can be understood from the verses below:

And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life - Genesis 3:22-24.

The Bible verse above made us to understand that one could stretch forth his hand to eat of the fruit of the tree of life. This is the reason why a minister can tell His congregation to stretch forth their hand towards Him or towards heaven and they are imparted with the Holy Spirit because it is the, *Spirit that Giveth Life* - 2

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Corinthians 3:6. The significance of “eat” as used in Genesis 3:22 above can be seen in the book of Ezekiel 3:1-3:

And he said unto me, Son of man, eat that which thou findest; eat this scroll, and go, speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this scroll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

In the case of Ezekiel, he received boldness to speak to the house of Israel after eating the “scroll”. Also in Exodus 3:9, God sent Moses to Pharaoh after his burning bush encounter with God, and in Acts 2:2,14-38, Peter could minister after the Holy Ghost came upon him; informing us that what Ezekiel ate was the Holy Spirit, which shows that you can actually receive the Holy Spirit by eating the word of God - studying and understanding His word will cause you to live a new life full of Joy. This is the manifestation of the person of the Holy Spirit.

Another instance of the manifestation and potency of the Holy Spirit is seen in the comparison between the books of Acts 1:8 and 2 Kings 2:9-10:

But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea

and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth, - Acts 1:8.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I am taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: [nevertheless], if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. - 2 Kings 2:9-10.

In both instances, a release was to take place after the departure of either Elijah or Jesus Christ but the recipient must surely be patient, waiting and observant - key qualities needed to receive the Holy Spirit as explained in Isaiah 30:15, where confidence and quietness are required before the Holy Spirit can come into one's life.

Again the manifestation of this gift after being received is also seen in Acts 2:2,14: ... *And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ... But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, [saying], Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words.*

And 2 Kings 2:11-14: *And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up*

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by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is God, the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

Comparing Acts 2:2 with 2 Kings 2:13, from above we can spiritually agree that Elijah's mantle was the symbol of authority Elisha had, and that Peter's authority was also from the Holy Spirit released in Jesus name. Elisha had asked of a double portion of the spirit in Elijah, which is the spirit of God, and what Elisha received was a mantle falling from Elijah; explaining the fact that whatsoever is possessed or touched by anybody is fused with the spirit upon that person. This is the reason why every Believer should be careful about who lays hands upon him or her because they could be fused with the spirit upon that person.

You can now see that laying hands upon people can cause them to receive impartation, either good or evil impartation. This is because when you lay hands upon people to pray for them or prophetically speak to their

lives you release to them from what is inside you and give to them from what you have.

A poor minister will only give poverty, a sick minister will also give sickness, a naturally barren minister cannot, in most cases release a prophetic utterance that can manifest into the fruit of the womb - you give from what you have, you don't give what you don't have, therefore be careful about who is laying hand upon you. Elijah's mantle is physical and can be touched so also the Holy Spirit.

You can stretch forth your hand and call Him as you would call a friend. When you see yourself struggling to succeed in life, then you need the Holy Spirit. I received this from the Lord that, "those who win battles don't struggle to win." If you are struggling with anything as you read this revelation I cause you to be free in Jesus name. I pray that the Holy Spirit in His fullness take over your body and soul now in Jesus name. Amen!

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT POINTS TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the pointer to God's presence and the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the life of any person represents the fullness of God. This fullness of God is referred to as the Seven Spirits of God - Isaiah 11:2. When the Holy Spirit is around, He indicates that

God is presently around and you will feel His presence within you.

Later in this chapter, I will talk about how to feel the Holy Spirit so that you will know when to cast your burdens upon the Lord. In Genesis 1:2, during God's creation we saw how the Holy Spirit moved; God spoke from heaven after the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus Christ, and in the book of Acts 2:2-3, we saw what happened to the Apostles after the Holy Spirit came upon them.

The presence of the Holy Spirit transforms our physical body. Sometime in the church you will see Believers crying, some speaking in other tongues, some prophesying, while some receive their healing. The Holy Spirit transforms you and you begin to see yourself performing some kind of task.

When God shows up, things are certainly not going to be the same. When God shows up you see a manifestation of His awesome power. See example of this power in the following Bible verses:

- **Psalms 77:18:** *The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.*

- **Nahum 1:5:** *The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.*
- **1 Samuel 14:15:** *And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.*
- **Acts 16:26:** *Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.*

Today when we see the hills melting we say it is volcano. The causative personality in this display of supernatural power is the Holy Spirit. Have you taken note of any day you were praying and there and then there was rain and thunder strikes from Heaven?

You can see now that the Holy Spirit is with you. There you are in His cloud! Be conscious of His presence and you will know when He is around.

PATTERNS OF TRANSFORMATION

In the following discussion we are going to understand the ways of His transformation so that we can understand Him better.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH WATER

The book of Ezekiel 36:24-27, gives us insight into this pattern of transformation: *For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

In verse 25, God said He would sprinkle them with water to clean them before the Holy Spirit can dwell within them. This is not a transliteration to mean that baptism is by sprinkling of water. The Bible made that very clear that baptism is by immersion in water. Sprinkling water upon Believers by a servant of God can also enable them to receive the Holy Spirit because what grieves the Holy Spirit is sin, therefore when God's Prophets sprinkle water on people; it paves the way for the incoming Holy Spirit to take His place in their life.

Hence, anytime you are taking your bath understand that you are soaking yourself in the same water that the Holy Spirit of God sanctified in Genesis 1:2, and that you can be bathed in the Holy Spirit of God. Because, it was on

the surface of water that the Holy Spirit manifested His existence before God started creation. So when you see water please attach more importance to its substance and efficacy. No matter how thirsty you are, if you drink any kind of drink except water that thirst will never go down. When you drink water there is a renewal of life in you.

I want us to understand what water is made of. There was a place I was privilege to teach and the Holy Spirit ministered to me that the reason we have demons staying in water bodies is because the Holy Spirit had already sanctified the water as seen in Genesis 1:2 hence they are not afraid because they feel protected. They can only bow down to the name Jesus through whom the original water sanctification was carried out since, “All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3).

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE ANOINTING OIL

An account of this special manifestation of God’s Spirit can be seen in Joel 2:28- 29: *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit ...*

The emphasis here is the “pouring.” Now what are the substances we pour out? We can’t pour out air but we pour out liquid such as water and we also see a servant of God pouring anointing oil on people to anoint them.

When God said He is going to pour out His Spirit, He meant a special kind of anointing with His Holy oil (Psalm 89:20). An anointing service is meant to usher in the fullness of God’s Holy Spirit into your life. Ecclesiastes 9:8, encouraged us to seek this form of Holy Spirit transformation into our life when the Bible say: “... and let not thy head lack oil.”

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH BREATHING

God’s breathe into Adams nostrils in Genesis 2:7, transformed him into a living soul. Air is one of the medium through which the Holy Spirit of God can manifest Himself. This is why Jesus breathed on His Disciples so that they can receive the Holy Spirit – John 20:22: *And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive you the Holy Spirit.*

We have air-borne diseases and the causative elements associated with these diseases are demons just like water borne diseases. The reason we are always infected is because these demons live in the air we breathe daily and not until you have the Holy Spirit in your life, you will

always be infected. Divine health is as a result of the divine nature of God's life-giving Spirit, and when you have Him inside you, you will surely have the fullness of healthy living.

Now we've talked about the Holy Spirit rushing in, like the wind and you should know that if you are desperate of God's intervention into your problem and you lock up yourself in your room or somewhere very quiet and open up you window, in the evening as the breeze is coming in - as the wind is rushing into the room, kneel down and make your prayers, say whatever thing you want God to do for you or study the Bible; the kind of revelation you will have will marvel you.

As the windows are open, take a rest while the breeze comes in through the window, and you will start getting deep revelations. The importance of cool breeze cannot be overemphasized, it ushers in the presence of God's Spirit and God Himself, this is evident in Genesis 3:8: "When they heard the sound of God strolling in the garden in the evening breeze...." (The Message Bible).

The evening breeze is a supernatural breeze and you need it to grow supernaturally because God still strolls in the midst of the cool evening breeze. Look for a quiet place in the evening to study your Bible, pray or meditate. This was why Jesus Christ was always returning to the mountain in the night to have a quiet time with

the Father and the Spirit who bear witness of who He is, as recorded in Luke 21:37: *And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.*

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE HOLY COMMUNION

We were made to know that Jesus Christ is the only one ever conceived of the Holy Spirit of God as recorded in Matthew 1:20-21: *But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins.*

This made Him the only one conceived and born of the Holy Spirit. Implying further that the only body ever lived in by the Holy Spirit right from conception is the body of Jesus Christ. This is the home for the Holy Spirit. His resurrection and ascension to Heaven further proved that the body of Christ was immortal just like the Holy Spirit. We all need this kind of body to fully function as Believers. This is why Christ instituted the Holy Communion in, Matthew 26:26-28, so that the Holy Spirit can continuously dwell in us because our sinful body irritates the Holy Spirit.

The condition to having eternal life is tied to observing and participating in His Holy Communion. This is explained in John 6:54: *He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*” He further said in John 15:5: *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

You can only abide in Him when you partake in His Holy Communion Service.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PROPHETIC UTTERANCES

Receiving the Holy Spirit can come through a prophetic transfer either by laying of hands on individuals and making the declaration, “Receive the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus,” or by the declaration alone without laying of hands. The second one usually happens during a heartfelt worship service unto the Lord. This is possible because Christ has told us that we can receive Him. That pronouncement in itself is prophetic.

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full”- John 16:24

This prophetic promise has resulted in people receiving the Holy Spirit when the apostles gave the command “Receive The Holy Spirit”. In Acts chapter 1:8, the

promise was intensified with the release of power from Heaven: “But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth.”

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ANOINTING SHARING

When a servant of God lay hands on someone because the anointing is flowing in him, the spirit of God also flows into that person causing healing to take place as Jesus did in Luke 4:40:

When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

In this instance, the one laying the hand is actually giving out from what he has. God can also take from your spirit and give to others but you must be willing to let go and those whom the spirit is giving to are supposed to assist you to carry on the work of God. An account of this special impartation is presented in Numbers 11:10, 11, 16, 24-25:

And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent: and the anger of God was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased.

And Moses said unto God, Wherefore hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

And God said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee.

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of God: and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent.

And God came down in the cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no more.

The apostle Paul says that ministers should not be quick in the laying of hands (1 Timothy 5:22). Every minister of God should be careful in releasing anointing to people.

If you are a minister and you are not sure if the people you want to anoint will stand by you to carry out the work God has giving to you, then don't share because if you do, you will soon become dry and only to discover that all the people you anointed have all abandoned you.

Remember the Holy Spirit only came down when Christ had left to heaven. Moses also anointed Joshua when he was about to leave. Elijah only transferred to Elisha when he was leaving to heaven.

God gave you that portion of anointing to sustain you throughout your earthly ministry; therefore whosoever is sharing from your anointing must be ready and willing to assist. If you have received anointing from any minister of God and you have offended him, please go and seek his forgiveness.

THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

In His presence there is fullness of joy (Psalms 16:11) - a great joy that exceeds human understanding. This type of fullness is only possible when God dwells inside of you and causes you to experience His abundance. This is when your Spirit communes continuously with the Spirit of God as recorded in Psalms 42:7 when David said, “Deep calleth unto deep...”

Learning from instances in the Bible, we can understand that when the Holy Spirit came upon people in the Bible, they did extra-ordinary exploits. For example, Daniel spoke under the influence of God’s Spirit as recorded in Daniel 2:14: *Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to*

Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon.

The Bible made reference to the seven Spirits of God in Isaiah 11:2: *And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord...* From Isaiah 11:2, we can see that Daniel spoke under the influence of two out of the seven spirits - the Spirit of Counsel and Wisdom.

Your ability to successfully give people counsel that will announce you relies on the fullness of God's Spirit of Counsel in you. You can pray that God should give you this spirit so that you can become an adviser people sought after. This is because with the presence of God's Spirit of Counsel, your advice becomes a prophecy. Jephthah could be said to have received the spirit of might to fight war but lacked the spirit of wisdom which would have made him to make the right vow before God – Judges 11:29-30.

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Isaiah 30:15 say that we can renew our strength in quietness and confidence; these are the words I want us to meditate on.

BE QUIET

You cannot be rioting within yourself and expect to receive the Holy Spirit of God. You cannot also frown your face and expect to be in tune with the Holy Spirit. No one quarrelling should expect to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God. This kind of Quietness is referring to quietness in your spirit that connotes a state of “mindful loneliness,” when you decide to regurgitate your past, filtering the packets of information, thinking about the future and then allowing God to speak to you. During this period, excuse yourself from the events within your environment. Once everything around you is calm, bring out your Bible and begin to study. With a pen in your hand and a paper to write with, the Holy Spirit will come to give you direction (1 Chronicles 28:19). When you pray after this experience, you are sure of a well-packaged prayer before the almighty God.

BE CONFIDENT

Confidence is your ability to know you can receive the Holy Spirit of God. When you know the importance of the Holy Spirit in your life, you are tuned up within your subconscious state, desperately in need of a gift you have so longed for. And because you are so expectant, you will definitely know when He shows up and you will receive Him.

RECEIVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT NOW

There are two ways in which you can receive the Holy Spirit. For the purpose of elucidating you on this, I will classify them as the panic mode and the meditation mode. These two will be explained below.

The Panic Mode

The “Panic Mode” can be explained with what happened in Acts chapter 2. Here, the Bible made us to know that the disciples were in the upper room waiting when suddenly a rushing wind burst into the room. Prior to this time, Jesus Christ told them not to go anywhere in Acts 1:8, until they are endowed with power from above. They were already living in fear because of what had happened to Jesus Christ, which was why Christ told them to wait for a supernatural power that will transform their physical nature into a spiritual personality. This nature will not only give them the boldness to proclaim the kingdom of God defensively within Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea and to the ends of the world, but it will also reinvigorate their inner self into fearless lions they ought to become. They were there waiting and expecting. Their thoughts were varied; is Jesus, our master, coming back at this moment? Because two angels had told them so in Acts 1:9b-10: *...While they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their*

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sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven

Needless to say that they were afraid and the environment within the entire upper room was seemingly not the way it used to be - it was like an unfamiliar environment, a place where the most intense power from above was to be giving to them - a power that will make them do greater things, because Christ had told them that they will surely do greater things than they saw him do in John 14:12: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

And in that mood, not knowing what will become of them, but only hoping on the promise of their master in John 14:16-17: *And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

The very last word in verse 17 said “...shall be in you” shows the level of transformation that was to take place before they can say they have been endowed with the unparalleled power from God. A God they have live

with for long: *Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works -* John 14:8-10.

This fullness of God the Father and God the Son coming to dwell in them is also seen in John 14:23: *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

And there was another personality, the Holy Spirit, coming to also live in them, who they shall receive and He shall become part of them, bringing things to their remembrance and talking with them daily that they may do the will of God as seen in John 14:25-26: *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

These words from Christ were enough testimony of the coming into the upper room, the fullness of the Godhead; the three persons that makes up the trinity - The fullness of God Himself. This also explains the

expectations of the disciples, physically, emotionally and spiritually, that even the move of a rodent within the room would have attracted a much-undesired attention. They were held panic-bound. Then the much awaited guest arrived, with full glory that even the winds moved like a storm, swaying aside all obstacles, renting through the deep as of old; this time with fire sitting upon their tongue. See this explained in Act 2:1-4, extracted below:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The first thing that would have happened was trying to get rid of the fire and avoid the intensity of the crowding wind in a room filled with 120 people already living in fear and tension. The outburst of the different tongues is a reality that no one could deny. They were panicked from above and they received from above. This kind of desire will surely yield the kind of result seen above. Many of us do not desire the Holy Spirit to the extent that we are ready for His coming. To be Panic-bound means to be agitated beyond the physical. You often see that when Believers pray with all zeal to receive Him, with so much desire alive in them, the Holy Spirit comes in.

The Meditation Mode

Meditation is the regurgitation of the word of God and feeling the personality of God around you. This means that you must soak yourself in His word daily. When you meditate on His word you begin to receive the Holy Spirit in that position - in that quietness and confidence. If only you can believe that the reason why you locked up yourself in a room is because you want God to speak to you. As you open your doors and windows in the night allowing the breeze to come in, because it is God's creation, in that perspective you will understand and receive God in your daily life. You will no longer think that God is far away from you. Once you are sure that He is not far from you, begin to pray to God to give you this heavenly gift. Receiving the Holy Spirit is not automatic. Jesus said we must ask to receive Him, as seen in Luke 11:9,10, 13b: *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Ask by praying to God, using your voice to ask for the Holy Spirit. Expect to receive the Holy Spirit and manifesting His presence by speaking in tongues the same way the disciples did in the Bible in Acts 2:4: *And*

they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Let us begin to live the life of the spirit, the life in the spirit and the life with the spirit, so that we can see the existence of God in our life. His existence will cause you to exist because He is the spirit of life. Now that we have an understanding of the ways in which God's spirit transforms Himself; we need to sustain His flow in our life so that there will always be an outpouring of God Spirit upon us. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9:8 that our head should not lack God's oil. The anointing is always needed and that is why at every point in time, even when you are not sick, deep your hand into the anointing oil and use it rub the fore-head and prophesy upon yourself. Anointing oil is one of the ways you can pour out the Spirit of God upon your life. Therefore, you need to anoint yourself every day before you go out of your house. When you always partake in His Holy communion, God now lives inside of you, and when you also know that the Spirit of God is a personality you can receive and welcome into your life as you would normally welcome a special guest that came visiting, expecting Him day and night, in that confidence you will exist in the supernatural.

SUSTAINING THE FLOW
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A flow ceases only when the source is cut off. To continuously flow with the Spirit of God, you must be soaked in His word daily, having quiet times, being in the midst of His congregations and continuously confessing Jesus Christ before everyone. You must vigorously preach the Gospel without ceasing. You must desire to teach His word daily - grasping every opportunity that comes your way to win souls into His kingdom. Psalms 42, below is a leading light into seeking and sustaining the flow of God's Holy Spirit:

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

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5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

From this Psalms, it is clear that receiving the Holy Spirit and sustaining His flow is dependent on the following:

- **Pant:** Every Believer must vigorously search for Him; for His substance of life in a panic-bound

mode as if trading his or her last hope for a gift worth expecting - the kind of hope referred to in Jeremiah 17:7: *Bless is the man who trust in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.*

- **Thirst:** Christ made mention of this in the book of John 7:37. This is the only condition to drink enough of Him so that a flow like that of living water can proceed from your belly.
- **Stay within God's premises:** This is evident in verses 3 and 4 where David poured out his soul in prayer in the midst of the multitude that joyfully praised God. And further down in verse 5, he encouraged his inner self, the spirit within him, to always hope in God. This is a key to sustaining God's presence daily in your life. You cannot be a swinging pendulum, serving God only when things are good.
- **Remember God in the midst of tribulations:** The day I got this revelation in verse 6, my entire life changed; there is no condition in my life that can take me from His presence. I discovered that when you wait for that mountain-like problem to depart before you praise and honour God with the substance of your life, you might never get out of

that problem alive. Make it a point of duty to “yet praise him,” no matter what.

- **Commune with God’s Spirit:** This is the level Christ wants us to exist in, a level of ultimate spiritual intelligence where “Deep calleth unto deep...” This is when you have the fullness of the Holy Spirit and you can now evaluate spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:15). Remember the key words in Isaiah 30:15 - speaking of quietness and confidence as the ingredient required to be in tune with God.
- **Know that God is always faithful:** God is not a man that He should lie; this is a written word of God spoken through Balaam in the book of Numbers 23:19. King David recognised this when he said, “...Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime...” in verse 8 of Psalms 42. God is ever faithful and He will surely bring to pass that which He spoke concerning you before you were born.

REFLECTION

If you don’t know what is inside of you, you will never know how to express it. You must release yourself from your sub-conscious state so that you can exist fully as a human being created with the passion of God in him/her. A pregnant woman will always tell you, I can feel my baby moving and when she does not feel it move

for a day, she would say I can't feel the baby kicking and before you know it she calls the doctor. Have you feel the Holy Spirit move in your life today? Doesn't it bother you that He hasn't shown up today? Have you called on Him today? We can't continue this way. God should take His rightful place in our life, He owns our heartbeat and we cannot exist in solitude without Him. He wants to be felt, He wants to be wrestled with, He wants you to announce His presence, He is your special guest of honour coming with the glory of God the father and accompanied by God the son.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER THREE

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CHAPTER FOUR

CLOUDS OF PERCEPTION

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art
very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who
stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the
beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the
clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the
wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a
flaming fire – Psalms 104:1-4*

The Bible is a sacred book and should be treated as such. Some Believers, though they know Christ lives inside them dare not go near their village deity or what they call it, because they are afraid of a man-made idol. That is something created by the hands of man, and not to talk of God. Donnie McClurkin sang a song where he said “Create in Me a Clean Heart so I may worship thee,” a rendering of Psalms 51:10: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

This is well explained in the book of John 1:47 when Christ referred to the person of Nathanael: *Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"*

This is the kind of Believer God wishes to see and work with, and He wants us to have a pure heart that pleases Him always. As from now onwards, know that whatsoever you are doing in the house of God is worship. If you sit down and you begin to bend your neck in church that is how you want to worship your God. Then, if you come with a clean heart, God will surely visit you because when you have a clean heart, you shall know when He is around.

Everyone undergoing a long journey must be prepared to endure all the stress it takes to get to his or her destination. And if you are driving, you will check your car to ensure that the engine is in good condition and that you have enough fuel to take you down. This is why the discussion about understanding the human spirit interaction with the Spirit of God is important, and until we depart this Earth we should keep talking about the need for our supernatural existence. This is what defines the whole essence of human life on Earth.

Our present discussion will be centred on the "clouds of perception." This topic was said to me on Tuesday, 18 November 2008 at about 4:00pm in the evening. Then I

was strolling down the street when I heard a voice spoke to me as I looked into the moving cloud, “clouds of perception” and I was wondering what the topic was all about.

Naturally when you see a cloud something comes to your mind. If the cloud is bright up there you know that the day will be sunning and when you see a dark cloud it tells you there could be rain. If you are very sure there will be rain, I guess you would want to complete every task before you in a hurry so that you can get home before it rains or when it eventually rains before you get home, you really don’t want to waste anymore time outside. God spoke to me and He said, “why are the clouds always moving?” the answer to this will be seen as we go further into this spiritual journey. The types of cloud you see often tell you what the day is going to look like.

WHAT THEN IS CLOUD?

Clouds are seen as visible collections or accumulations of water droplets or solid ice crystals, moving with the wind and floating in the lowest part of the Earth’s atmosphere. From space, the picture of clouds shows that they are like a visible white veil surrounding the Earth – this information is key to having a good spiritual understanding about the existence of clouds. They have been classified according to their appearance, colour and

position. These include nimbus, cumulus, stratus and cirrus. They normally float above ground level at about 6,000 meters high.

HOW CLOUDS ARE FORM

From science we found out that clouds form when water vapour that has evaporated from the surface of the Earth condenses onto microscopic dust particles or pockets of water droplets floating in the air. Cloud formation happens as warm and cold air meet; when warm air rises up the side of a mountain and cools as it rises, and when warm air flows over a colder area, like a cool body of water. This occurs because cool air can hold less water vapour than warm air, and excess water condenses into either liquid or ice. This explanation see cloud as mere phase change of water.

SPIRITUAL RELEVANCE OF CLOUDS

The presence of water signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit. The explanation above shows that a cloud is the evaporated form of water that condenses to form supercharged water droplets that floats above the Earth land mass surface. We are engulfed in the midst of clouds day and night but we hardly know or

acknowledge the spirituality behind the occurrence of clouds.

The Bible is the best place to have an understanding of the spiritual meaning and instances of clouds. In the book of Genesis 9:13 we have a clear picture of the relevance of clouds to God and Man: *I do set my rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.*

God set a rainbow in the cloud and anytime God sees that “Rainbow” it reminds Him of an oath He entered with mankind, that He was not going to ever destroy mankind with water again. In Revelation 4:3, we are brought into the knowledge that a rainbow surrounded the throne of God: *And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald* - Revelation 4:3

And a cloud also received Jesus Christ as seen in the book of Acts 1:9: *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

Which means God’s abode is in the clouds and He is the one moving with the clouds and causing the clouds to move, hence the cloud is always in a dynamic motion, because *He maketh the clouds his chariot* - *Psalms 104:3*. The warlord is always on the chariot.

The clouds you see daily are different and always moving as pockets of clouds and when they mix a dark cloud is formed resulting to rain. The Israelites always felt His presence because they attached the presence of God in their midst to the appearance of clouds. You know what has made us feel God is far away from us today? It is because the airplanes can now fly above the clouds that we now hardly remember the existence of clouds except to discern the time of the day or ascertain the weather condition.

Today when we see the clouds, we should start thinking of His presence as espoused in Exodus 13:12: *And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*

The mountain top has always serve as a special meeting place for those who want to be supernaturally filled with His Spirit; Moses was there, Elijah was, and Jesus went there. Till date, mountains are always seats for clouds - Exodus 24:15: *And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.*

The statement in Exodus 13:12 above means that when God said He should be served “upon this mountain,” It shows that He was waiting for them right there in the midst of the clouds. Again in Matthew 17:1-2, Jesus went to the peak of the mountain, in the clouds before the

transformation we all know today as transfiguration took place.

In Exodus 33:9, we can see an instance of how Moses was always receiving instructions from God and that was the strength that kept him on track; on the mission to lead God's Children. This is a quality needed by every Pastor. The strength God used to redeem the children of Israel was in the relationship between Him and Moses. When God sent Moses down to Pharaoh, He continuously talked and discussed with him and in the wilderness Moses was always going back to God to the extent that when the cloud was at the doorpost of the tabernacle, Moses knew that God wants to talk to him, and then he would see the cloud resting. Also when the cloud gathers in front of the doorpost of the tabernacle, the Israelites know that God is around and wants to talk to them. So, Moses had transferred the knowledge of whom God is to the Israelites, which after staying in Israel as slaves for 430 years had started to lose hold of the knowledge of God. And the fact that they indeed wanted to return to Egypt while in the wilderness proved this fact.

Not until we understand the creations of God will we be with Him. This illustration will explain this better; when you see Mr Adams' car on the road, whether you see him inside or not you will perceive he is the one that drove by. God created everything you see. When you see the

storm or the rain, what makes you think that God is not around? You should understand that He is fully around. As humans, whenever we see a bright cloud what comes into our mind is that there will be no rain today. But if we see a dark cloud we assume that it will surely rain.

In a dream in 2006, I saw a bright light in the midst of darkness and that was the only bright light present in the cloud. Everyone around who I happen to be preaching to ran away from this sight; they could not face the light. The light was brighter than the sun and it could blind any one's eyes, looking into it.

I have seen this light three times now - 1999, 2001 and sometime in 2006. The light shines through the cloud. Whenever I remember these dreams, and see clouds, I know His time of coming is so close. Everyone should expect the coming of Jesus Christ at all times - every day, every moment of your life - expect His coming as long as you can see the clouds. The Bible made us to know in the book of Luke 21:27 that Jesus will be coming back in a cloud: *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

SUPERNATURAL PERCEPTION

We've been talking about cloud; what then is perception? In the book of Deuteronomy 29:4-5,

perception is explained: *Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet*

From these verses you can see why it is necessary to pray to God to give you a clean heart. The supernatural heart to perceive, to feel, to understand, to see – that is perception. If I cannot attend to you because I cannot perceive you, what do you think will happen to you? You will receive nothing from me. You cannot benefit from the knowledge residing in what you don't perceive and appreciate. The Israelites were led by a God who preserved their clothes and sandals for forty years – Deuteronomy 8:4, yet they could not perceive His presence anymore in their midst when they were faced with situations of life. Instead, they were searching for Him everywhere, grumbling day and night. The Lord shall open up your understanding this day in Jesus name to perceive and receive His spirit. Amen.

In Exodus 23:20-22, God warned that we need to perceive the presence of His Angel before He can fight for us:

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your

transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries

What is being explained here is “Test of Practical Christianity.” If you want to become a Preacher, it usually starts with your attendance of the Sunday school class, and then having a teaching opportunity. You can kneel down and say: “God I want to worship you, serve you and preach the gospel.” Start studying the scripture and the books of your pastor, or listening to his teachings for a month, and up to a year or so, to get equipped, and one faithful morning pick up your Bible and start preaching the gospel with sound doctrinal understanding, so that when you encounter questions that tries your faith, you would hear the Holy Spirit teaching you what to say. You will then understand better what we are explaining here. *What you can perceive explains what you can receive.* In other words, *Your Perception Determines Your Reception.*

A man came to give a testimony of how God supernaturally increased his business in one of our Sunday services; I knew when his business store got burnt. Some people that had similar incident have packed out of Port Harcourt then, yet he remained very happy. Whenever I want to maintain the road that leads to my house he will join me to assist me, and when our church was born, he helped me to fix the musical

instruments, and he said, 'this is where I will worship.' He took the flyers out and started evangelism. He said he has not preached before and don't know how to win souls because he has a bad manner of approach, but he perceived something in me, he said he is a servant of God. And because he perceived he received, and today he is singing a different song, a joyful song of restoration. This is the glory of God. Your perception of who God is will bring deliverance to you today.

As Believers, the problem we have is perception, perceiving God's presence, and knowing that He is around. This is evident in the following verses:

- **Isaiah 6:8-10:** *And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed.*
- **Job 23:8-9:** *Behold, I go forward, but he is not [there]; And backward, but I cannot perceive him; On the left hand, when he doth work, but I cannot behold him; He hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him.*
- **Mark 4:2-9:** *And he taught them many things in parables, and said unto them in his teaching, Hearken: Behold, the sower went forth to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed,*

some [seed] fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured it. And other fell on the rocky [ground], where it had not much earth; and straightway it sprang up, because it had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And others fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold. And he said, Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Many come for anointing service – do they really have understanding of what went on during the service? People have the Bible placed under their pillows yet they still cry of bad dreams. The servant of God points that same Bible towards an ugly situation and it would give way – what makes the difference? Supernatural Perception! He hears a voice behind him and he acts as dictated by that voice – Isaiah 30:21: *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

The subject of supernatural perception is beyond human comprehension. This is because it has to do with God's willingness to allow you perceive Him, because when you do things as a supernatural being, they will turn around for good. He can only allow those who are faithful to Him to perceive Him and be blessed by Him.

We have talked about Transformation of the human spirit and the Transformation of the Spirit of God. These forms of transformations are what precede your perception of God. This is why Isaiah 30:15 made reference to “Quietness and Confidence” as a prerequisite to renewing our strength. This strength is the Holy Spirit of God.

CLOUDS OF PERCEPTION DEFINED

Clouds of Perception deal with both spiritual and intellectual recognition of the presence of clouds. As said earlier, when you see a bright cloud you know that the sun will shine and when you see a dark cloud you also know it will rain. A verse of the Bible that explains what the clouds of perception is all about is Matthew 16:3, where Jesus expected the teachers of the law to be able to use the discernment of the physical clouds to perceive the mind of God: *O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*

In Psalms 118:24 the Bible made us to know that every new day is made for us to rejoice and be glad in. New day signifies the presence of the sun, the air you inhale, the clouds and many other things you see around. When you wake up in the morning and see a bright new day know that God is present because He is the one that made that new day for your use.

We should start perceiving the presence of God in the clouds with a spiritual understanding. The Bible is like every other book printed in paper and ink but this same Bible is sacred. You can take the Bible to school to study Christian Religion Knowledge and still live in sin. But when you want to be truthful to yourself and you've committed the sin, you won't be able to open the Bible because guilt will overrun you. Running away from the Bible won't help you either. It is an act that will endanger you more. God is omnipresence and He can be felt when you sing a song, breath, even when you see the clouds and rains. The Earth and the fullness are all His - Psalms 24:10; how many of us will have a property somewhere and won't see if it is intact. God does this all the time that is why you also do it, to see if your properties are in good condition. Remember Jesus says – John 5:19: *...The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing; for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner*

He owns you and always takes charge over you - He is your friend anytime, a companion that is worth emulating. He is with you now asking, how are you today? And He will keep talking to you because you are His property. The Bible says Children are the heritage of the Lord - Psalms 127:3; He makes sure you are okay and fine. He is everywhere - as you are sitting He sits with you - He is all over the place watching over you.

Look behind you now, He is right there and about to tap your back.

The main reason why we are talking of Clouds of Perception is so that we can perceive the presence of God. In Genesis 9:13, we talked of the Rainbow and the Cloud. Rainbow is the sign for God and the world and He is the one holding the seal of the covenant. The Lord owns the seal of the rainbow and it comes from Him. Whenever you see a rainbow know that God is present. If you see the rainbow across the sky, this means that He is seeing the rainbow the same time you are seeing it, because He said that when He sees His rainbow He would remember that He made a promise not to destroy the Earth again with water. Can't you see that God is seeing the rainbow with you at the same time?

Rainbow is a sign that bring to remembrance God's promise to mankind, why do you think that if you pray to the Lord He will not answer you? Why should you go and sleep, listen to what God said in Genesis 9: 13-17: *I do set my Rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the rainbow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember*

the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

God is saying, 'this is my rainbow,' - that means He has seen it already. He said, 'I will never destroy humans again, I'll not destroy mankind, I'll never destroy this Earth with water.' He saw it and said it. Open up your mouth and pray, God will answer. The rainbow reminded God of His covenant and whenever you see the rainbow it should remind you of the content of the covenant also - that God is not against you.

WHY ARE WE SEARCHING FOR GOD?

You don't need to search for God; you only need to seek him. Until we started handling flights above the clouds, the Israelites never knew there was another heaven apart from the clouds they were seeing. Anytime they saw the clouds moving they knew that God is with them. And now we have flown above the clouds, we have gone to different planets using rockets. Scientists have mounted their satellites in space, monitoring everywhere believing that God is not there and therefore no need to fear him. All those time they were carrying out experiment to fly out of the clouds, they knew what they were doing - they want the world to know that God does not exist.

It is very painful that the wisdom of man has not stopped in destroying humanity. That we manufacture atomic bombs and poisons, all to kill ourselves is very painful. God created us in His image and likeness and said we are good. We have searched the heavens, look all around and now we are contemplating - is He in the sun?

Many people are now using Revelation 19:17, where the Bible talked of an angel standing in the sun: *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;* to infer that, therefore, there is the likelihood that the angel was talking from God's throne and that the dinner referred to is also going to take place in His glorious throne, in the Sun. Revelation 10:1 is also another verse many have quoted to ascertain that God's abode is in the sun: *And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.*

Science has watered down the perception of God for those who lack Spiritual Intelligence. We need to stop searching for God so that we are not led astray. If we diligently seek Him, He will manifest in our day-to-day life.

GOD IS THE FIRST
POINT OF CALL

In the book of Genesis 25:22, we learnt that Rebecca was pregnant: “And the children struggled together within her; and she said, if it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord.” If it were now, there would be phone calls for an ambulance and everybody would know, it is an emergency! In the book of Isaiah 42:8, God said He will never share His glory because He is a jealous God, but we are sharing the glory of God with science - with every kind of pain killer drugs whereas Jesus Christ is the number one burden killer. Once we have the right perspective about the person of God, we will surely know when and how He speaks to us.

In Matthew 17:5 God spoke in a cloud: *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

When you see a cloud, be very attentive because God could also speak to you from a cloud. If you can see the cloud every time it means that God is with you 24 hours a day and this understanding will make you grow stronger and stronger in Christ Jesus.

The moment you bear the fullness of God, He will announce you to people, 'this is my son or she is my daughter, everything he or she wants, do it, it is an order.' If you know how to please God, He will move everything around you in your favour. If you don't know before now, well you should know. He will say, 'can't you see what this man or woman is passing through, what is wrong with you? Answer him now.' You know why? It is because the person has been praying and activating the presence of God, that is why He can move things around in his or her favour.

BE FAITHFUL
TO GOD ALONE

How many believers have already bowed down to various altars of the devil unknowingly? How many believers have visited Jewish and Indian temples in search for power, and have by so doing, in their over claimed pilgrimage denied the Lord Jesus as their Lord and saviour? Must we go to Jerusalem before we learn about the ways of the Lord? When will miracle seekers learn that the Lord is looking for those who will walk with Him unto spiritual perfection? Our faithfulness to God is what preserves our entire human nature. We are all leaders who supposed to live and lead within the tenets of true Christian virtues. Leadership is not by perception but through action. Every Christian is supposed to be fused with the spirit of leadership so that

we can cause the kind of change that God intends to happen here on Earth. Our perception of the person of God and His nature is required of every Christian to become effective leaders of change. This is why the Bible made us to know that we must not be hearers of the gospel alone, but become doers of the word. The reward in Christianity is in doing the Word - James 1:22-24: *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.* You must **Receive the Word**, then **Work the Word** and finally **Walk with God**.

Our character as Believers speaks louder than our voice. Being benign to one another in all we do is the beginning of perceiving the presence of God. No one can serve two masters faithfully, one of the two masters will always be bitter. Will you want God to be bitter? Surely not! Satan should be bitter instead, because our allegiance is to God our creator through Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the Earth - Revelation 1:50.

A time came when Phillip wanted Jesus Christ to show them the father in John 14:9. He asked because he lacked the sense of spiritual perception. When you lack spiritual perception, you find it difficult to be faithful to God

because you are not aware of His being, not to talk of His presence.

In Hosea 6:4, God attributed the faith of Ephraim and Judah to a morning cloud and the morning dew that fades out as the sun comes on board: *O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.*

And because of the stubbornness of Ephraim, a tribe living a life of falsehood, the Lord stayed from answering the prayers of the Israelites - Hosea 7:1: *When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, ...for they commit falsehood.* This is what happens severally when God is about to answer our prayers. This is why I ways tell us that before we ask God for an intervention, we should ensure that we are not harbouring idols in our hearts. There is a word I have pondered over severally in the Holy Scriptures and that is the word of our Lord to Pilate – John 18:37: *... for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth beareth my voice.* The Ephraimites lived a life of falsehood, therefore denying the ensign of heaven among them; hence God was angry with them. If we speak the truth attested to by our conscience, then our knees will be off the ground before we knew it. If your contract document contains the truth, you will have the contract because the truth bears Christ, and no one can deny Christ anything. Live for the truth, and the truth

shall present your request to the TRUTH, and your prayers will receive attention from the throne of TRUTH. Who is the TRUTH? Jesus is the TRUTH – John 14:6: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* Anytime we speak or represent truth, we confess Jesus. God wants every one of us to be faithful in our service to Him and if a little tribulation can take you away from His presence then you never knew Him before. When you see a cloud or the morning dew, ask yourself this question, “Am I faithful to God? Do I really Love Him? Is my Love for God tied to His blessings upon my life?” Check your conscience because that is the beginning of Judgment. Your love for God should not be a bargain service; it should rather be a wholesome service.

If you see the dew in the morning, remember what God told the children of Ephraim and Judah in Hosea 6:4, and the punishment for the unfaithfulness of the Children of Judah in Hosea 6:11,13: *Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for thee, when I bring back the captivity of my people. Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.*

SUBSTANCE OF
SUPERNATURAL PERCEPTION

It is necessary for us to understand the occurrence of clouds with a spiritual sense of perception. The following instances will guide us into having a clearer picture of clouds. When you see a cloud have the understanding that:

- **God Exist:** *At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents* - Numbers 9:18.
- **God leads His children:** *In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire* - Psalms 78:14.
- **God is ever faithful:** *I do set my rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth* - Genesis 9:13.
- **Rapture is a reality:** *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord* - 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

- **Jesus Christ will surely come a second time:** *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty - Revelation 1:7-8.*
- **God is about to speak:** *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only - Matthew 17:5-8.*
- **The reality of favour from God:** *In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain - Proverbs 16:15.*
- **The Glory of God Typified:** *And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord - 1 Kings 8:10-11.*

REFLECTION

One of the problems of modern day Christianity is our inability to discern the times. Daniel interpreted the 'handwriting on the wall' in chapter five of the book of Daniel. Moses understood the way of the Lord so well that he could stay up in the mountain, in quietness waiting to renew his strength so that he could carry on with the task of deliverance before him. When God shows up in the form of a cloud the Israelites knew that God was about to talk to them. When Solomon saw the cloud filling the temple altar, he knew that God has accepted his offering.

Today we are ever submerged in clouds when we fly in the plane but our busy nature has not reminded us that this same cloud wrought wonders in the life of the Israelites because they attached God's presence to the physical things they see around.

In Genesis 6:3, God said His spirit will not always remain with man and when God takes His spirit, man is going to die. We all know that when the human heart stops functioning then we are dead. Our heartbeat is the reason we are alive. As this is the case, why don't we know that the Spirit of God is the one controlling the heart beat of man? And any time we feel the pulse of our heartbeat we should remember the presence of God.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER FOUR

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CHAPTER FIVE

SPIRITUAL CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him – Matthew 17:1-3

In this chapter we shall be experiencing another level of Spiritual Intelligence (SI) called the Spiritual Circle of Influence (SCI). Before we continue we need to ask ourselves this question - why is it that when you bring up children in different homes they end up exhibiting different traits and characters? It is because both existed under different spiritual circle of influence.

Circle of influence is spiritual, and this is why you may have been praying concerning a particular problem for some time and you realise that it is not being answered, even when you have people who could attend to the need all around you, it only became answered when you now travelled to somewhere else and you met someone who spoke about the same situation or met a minister who preached a message and that answer you were looking for came to pass.

It is because you are now where your thoughts manifested to the extent that the spiritual energy to cause an answer to your prayers was released.

THE REALITY OF LIFE

As you are experiencing the light of the sun and it's warmth today, there are some people living in other parts of the world who are experiencing darkness and cold. This is why nobody can give what he or she does not have. The act of 'Giving' is 'Releasing' and it has to do with the state of our mind. The mind connotes a spiritual energy platform where our thoughts are filtered and transmitted daily. This is why if a man's thoughts are not right before God, he bags a curse. Curses deprive you from achieving as much as you would have done because it interferes with the packets of energy emanating from your thoughts, thereby polluting them so that they

become stinky in the sight of God. This is why the Bible made us to know that the sacrifice of a sinner is an abomination in the sight of God - Proverbs 15:8.

When you give freely from your heart you feel a sign of relief, because there is a burden taken off from you and you sleep peacefully. And because God is the only one who can give peace, you are now in God's circle. So you can see what freewill giving can do to your spirit. When you also give out of grudge in your heart, you begin to expect instant results and you will be perturbed, your blood pressure increases because of your instant expectations, and because you don't have peace in your spirit, you already know that you exist in Satan's circle.

From these explanations, you are now aware that there are different spiritual circles, which you subscribe to as a result of the thoughts in your heart leading to Echoes of the Mind; *a replay of the thoughts emanating from our mind when we are relaxed.*

These spiritual circles can either bring joy into your life or bring sorrow into your life. Just as you would have circle of friends and the benefits you get as a member of that circle, so also your subscription to Jesus' circle will also allow you to reap the fruits of your service to the Lord from God's kingdom. The presence of Joseph in Potiphar's house brought God's blessing into that home, despite that the home was occupied by a seemingly

adulterous woman - Genesis 39:5 (NIV): *From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.*

If someone comes into your home and after sometime you notice a decrease in your income and wellbeing, watch carefully, he or she may have introduced a conflicting spiritual circle into your home.

CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE DEFINED

To me, circle of influence can be referred to as: *A boundary within which our existence is controlled or manipulated by the dictates of laws, rules and regulations; and we are obligated to observe these laws to remain relevant within the circle.* If you must experience the benefits of serving God, you have to be within God's circle. For instance, if you throw an object into water, any object that floats on that water responds to the water waves created. When you are in the kingdom of God any blessing that is coming, any manifestation of God's power as a result of its pronouncement will surely have an influence on your existence and the decisions you make. Likewise if you exist within the circle of the kingdom of darkness, whatsoever curse God pronounces on the devil will begin to manifest in your life and you will begin to

behave like the devil - looking for whom to devour, for someone to gossip, for a marriage to scatter, etc. If you see yourself causing confusion wherever you go, know that you are operating within the devil's circle of influence.

Adam and Eve once lived in an environment where God used to visit them, and immediately they left that environment, did you ever read or see in the Bible where it was written that God ever visited them to commune with them? In effect, their first seed was Satan's seed because within that period they committed the sin to when Cain was conceived, they existed in Satan's circle of influence, which was why they were hiding from God.

In the book of 2 Kings 2, we can see what happened - that Elisha followed and tailored Elijah because he was told in the spirit that Elijah, his spiritual father, will be taken to heaven. He knew that something was going to happen, that God was going to take his master away from him simply because he was within the vicinity of the spiritual charge that was upon Elijah.

And so, he followed him because he was yet to receive an empowerment that will announce his own ministry. Elijah didn't tell him, but Elisha perceived and he followed because he said to himself, 'there is something that Elijah has and I must get a double portion of that today.' As they were moving, the Bible recorded that the

sons of the prophets also knew that Elijah would be taken away. They ask Elisha if he was aware God was taking Elijah to heaven that day. Now, we should think. Why the sons of the prophets? Why was it not any other person but the sons of the prophets? It is because the sons of the prophets have existed within the spiritual circle of prophecy.

Before we proceed further into the meat and bone of this session, let's take this analogy to heart, as it was communicated to me on the 11th of October 2014, at about 7:00am. I will be using bullet points to drive home each fact. But before we do that, we need to understand what makes up a mobile phone company. First the mobile phone works on the wireless network technology. So it is akin to spiritual communication network. The phone company has some equipment functioning as logic switch gate that allows the chip in your SIM card to communicate with a friend, relative, business partner, etc, using a special routing technology. Your phone has a slot for the SIM, the battery, keypad for input and sending commands, the screen interface working as a monitor and the software running inside.

Now what is important to the mobile phone company is the chip in the SIM. The chip is specially coded to be able to communicate with the routing computer in the base station of the phone company. We also have people working in various capacities such as customer care,

engineers, technicians, accountants, markers, etc. We would now stop here, and begin to draw the analogy:

1. The mobile phone is likened to the human body.
2. The chip in the SIM card is the human soul. SIM means – Subscriber Identification Module. So the human soul is what we use to subscribe into the spiritual realm. The SIM is the property of the phone company, but you are given the privilege of using it as you wish, and even communicating with other phone networks. Your soul is the property of God but given unto you to enable you link to heaven while on Earth.
3. The phone battery is the human heart. Just as the battery must be charged physically, so also we need food, water, and fruits, to keep the heart working. The battery charger send positive and negative charges into the battery through the wired connection, so also the minerals in the food we eat send positive and negative charges from the various elements that are assimilated into the human heart through the blood circulating system, and then into our body tissues.
4. The keypad where we make our inputs is the human senses – the eyes, nose, ears, skin, and tongue. The more sophisticated a phone becomes, the more

functions it can perform, just as the more we develop spiritually, the more we can do more things.

5. The software operating inside the kernel of the phone and the screen interface, functions as the human mind.
6. The phone company is the kingdom of God. The staff of the company is liken to the Angels working in their different duty call. We also have the representatives of the company; those they have licenced in certain areas to market their products, and also receive customer complaints and can also fix some technical issues are liken to the servants of God. Notice that these centres must receive an authorisation from the phone company before they are legally allowed to represent them, the same way a servant of God is authorised by the kingdom of God in Heaven, before he can function, and lead souls to God.
7. Each SIM number starts with a unique prefix, followed by some other numbers. We also have names that the Lord uses to identify us. The prefix is Jesus. It is the special number that the heavenly gates recognise. So, communication coming from anyone without this prefix is denied access through heaven's gate.

8. To communicate to the customer care centre, we are given a special number. If you dial the code of another phone company, your SIM will not communicate that. This is similar to the promise of God to us, which we can use once we are in His network.

9. A new SIM card is usually activated before it can start communicating across the routing gates, and this is the duty of the SIM owner, or could be assisted by a customer care agent working for the company. God activated that of Adam when He breathed into him, being the first man, but after then, it is the responsibility of everyone to seek the kingdom of God. In some cases, a call has to be put across to a special centre, and a customer care agent will help with the activation. This is similar to our Altar call request. People can re-route their spirit to God through an activation process, which they have to do with their heartfelt repentance and submitting to Jesus.

10. The phones usually send signals across through a special antenna, which may be hidden inside the phone; this is similar to what the soul does through the human head. When you engage in thinking sometimes you would feel as if charges are leaving and returning into your head. Occasionally you will

receive charge all over the body and you may begin to tremble.

11. Communication alerts can be through a vibrating sign or through a ring tone. When the phone is put on silence, then we may miss special calls. This is what happens to us. We can receive spiritual codes that will make us tremble as if we are vibrating, especially when we are deep into meditation, or we can hear a voice alert, we would say – ‘speak Lord, I am listening.’ When our soul is not awakened, we would definitely miss the call and instructions from God.
12. From time to time, the phone company would send some numbers to your phone enabling you to know the services and helplines you can contact when you want, so that you can benefit from what those services have to offer – this is similar to the Rhema we receive from God through His spirit, and also, the word we hear from His Altar, managed by a physical representative of His kingdom, who is the servant of God in your midst.
13. The text messages we send are like prayers we encode in our hearts, filled with our thoughts during a meditational session, while the voice calls we make are similar to the prayers we say out. When we send text messages to someone in another phone network,

it is similar to sending thoughts into another kingdom, in this case, of the devil. When we also make a voice call to a subscriber in another network, we are charged higher rates explaining what happens when we engage in warfare.

The way your credit drains out so fast when you call another network, so also your spiritual strength drains so fast when you are in warfare. To keep calling that network, especially when your loved ones are using the other network, you must recharge often. It is when we have our loved ones in another circle of influence that we keep the spiritual charge high so that we are not drained out.

This is why every one that you must frequently communicate with must be on the side of God. The passion and compassion we have for our loved ones is the reason we would want to call them often, even if they are in another network, and with time, when we look at how it is draining us financially, we usually opt to replace the SIM with the one from the network we are subscribed to.

This is similar to a deliverance service you would request to liberate a loved one from the shackles of the devil. Spiritual Circle of Influence (SCI) is a network of those who subscribe to a particular spiritual kingdom.

THE ENVIRONMENT FACTOR

In most cases the environment we live contributes to the way we live our lives and everything we do on Earth. If you live in a slump and had spent a reasonable number of your years on Earth in such an environment, the kind of decisions you make may be different from someone who grew up in a Government Reservation Area (GRA) where we have high-income earners.

Your environment can manipulate you. You are a human being flowing with blood - with the presence of God in you, but the environment you live in have the potential to manipulate everything around you, including your thought and spiritual inclination.

Now if you live in an environment where you have a lot of evil people, there is the likelihood that you will start behaving like them and become evil even if you are a pastor. The kind of music we listen and dance to have the capacity of affecting our spirit being also.

Why would the Bible say we should not be yoked with unbelievers in 2 Corinthians 6:14: *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?*

To be yoked with them, means to be possessed by the kind of devouring spirits that lives in them. Sometime we say after all, 'he is my brother I can't just start avoiding him now.' We shouldn't forget that once we declare to follow Jesus, the needs of our blood ties becomes second compared to what God demand of us – Mark 10:29, Luke 9:62.

If your parents are not born-again you need to continually preach to them and pray for them so that they will become saved by the blood of the lamb else, they will become your devourers. If your forefathers have bowed down to idols, you need to keep clear from what they do because your God is a Jealous God who does not share His glory with any other god.

God said to Moses in Exodus 20:4-5 that He shall visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, even up to the third and fourth generations:

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You know what happened to Ham the son of Noah in Genesis 9:20-25? It was Ham who committed the abomination of seeing his father's nakedness but Noah cursed Ham's son, Canaan; why should an innocent child receive a curse when it was his father who committed the abomination?

Some have opined that Canaan was the one who might have given the wine to Noah. But this wasn't reported in the Bible. Even if this was the case, Noah shouldn't have laid a curse on His own offspring. Your eyes should be opened by now that the activities of your parents or forefathers may have been the reason behind your predicament. The story is captured thus: *Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside.*

But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers."

This is also a message to parents who allow their children to see their nakedness; it is an abomination

before God and you must desist from allowing your children seeing your nakedness.

LIMIT THE CIRCLE
YOU SUBSCRIBE TO

We have to ensure we limit the kind of circle we exist in. Your father and mother gave birth to you, and if you feel that because you are a Christian you are just on your own, and think that you are safe, you may be very wrong because whatsoever decision they take on your behalf will surely affect you someday. If they belong to the occult or consult witch doctors, whatsoever decision they take concerning you in their meeting will affect you, and you will start to have nightmares because Satan is going to use them against you. Jesus told Peter that Satan was going to sift him as wheat – Luke 22:31: *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.* Satan has no regard for no one – he waits till when we are empty spiritually and he will invade our thinking.

This is why you must not leave any stone unturned; win everyone around you to Christ - your friends, families and even your enemies. You can't exist in the same environment with evil spirits, for Jesus had explained that there is a parallel between darkness and light, in John 3:19.

CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE
CARRIES A SPIRITUAL CHARGE

In this section we are going to have an understanding of what spiritual circle of influence entails. When you live in an environment as a Christian surrounded by evil forces and you are not aware they are there then you are surely not a Christian but one of them. Sometime we say; 'I sense evil around.' Can an evil person sense evil? No! It is the spirit inside that tells you what is going on around you.

And you need to know that if you are outside an environment where Holy Spirit ministration is going on, while people inside the arena where the ministration is taking place are getting filled with the Holy Spirit, even if everyone is falling down inside and receiving the anointing, those outside that vicinity will hardly experience the Holy Spirit touch or move except they tune their mind to receive and partake in the service. It is a yielding experience.

The upper room experience in Acts chapter 2 explains this better, the apostles were there when the rushing wind came and they were ignited, meanwhile, the people outside heard the apostles speak their tongues but they never had the Holy Spirit experience, rather they concluded that the apostles were drunk with wine.

Many people are happy to attend church services where we have up to multiple services on Sundays where each service lasts only about two hours or so, because as evil people they can manage to withstand about two hours of Holy Spirit torment inside the house of God.

The moment they stay more than two hours inside a Holy Spirit-filled atmosphere, they start running out pretending to answer important calls or take excuse from the ushers to visit the gents or ladies. This is why they have always wanted a place where they can only stay two hours or less and run back home.

Anytime they are in service, all they do is to look at their wristwatches, musing words and complaining that the service is taking their time. They put their phones on vibrations to ensure they don't miss a call. These are not willing to serve the Lord. Their evil will soon catch up will them unless they repent now.

I implore you to always seek God's anointing by using the anointing oil on your forehead and prophesying to yourself every day. What you are doing by this act is bringing the presence of God upon yourself so that you can exist under His supernatural influence of grace. It is a command not to let the oil dry on your forehead - Ecclesiastes 9:8.

If you live in an environment where a large population of the people are poor, what do you think will happen to you, even if you are rich? You will become poor someday. A friend of mine once told me, “if you have a car and I always borrow it anytime I want to go out, it will soon wear out, so pray that I have a job” that I might have my own car too. This is true, if you are the only rich in the midst of the poor, you will become poor someday. And if you are a poor man in the midst of rich people, even the crumbs from their tables will make you rich.

Your life influences your neighbours continuously. The question is how you influence them - negative or positive? Many of us have led people astray without knowing it, especially actors and actresses who play evil roles for the sake of money. The earlier they know and desist from such character maiming roles the better so that they do not incur the wrath of God.

We should never deviate from the path that God is leading us, because we know all the good things that are coming our way as a result of being a Christian, and therefore we must stay within this circle. King David says in Psalms 119:35: *Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.* We all must desire this too. As Believers we need to honour the command in 2 Corinthians 6:14: *Be ye not unequally yoked together with*

unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And in Exodus 23:2, we are equally warned not to follow the multitude to perpetuate evil: *Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil...* We need to examine the circle we belong; it is left for us to define. Ask yourself - Which circle do I belong, is it righteousness or lawlessness, light or darkness? I encourage you to start thinking about it right now!

GOD RULES EVERY SPIRITUAL CIRCLE

If you think no one sees you when you commit evil then you are not being sincere. Why do you think prophets can reveal to you what happened to you some years ago. If they see your past it is because there is a record archive where everything concerning you is written, and because of their level of spiritual intelligence, God can permit them to see it, especially when they intercede on your behalf. The reasons why they can see your past is to enable you know that someday you will account for all you have done. For those who waste God's offering and tithes, you shall account for them someday too.

In the book of Isaiah 40:10-22, you will see who controls the affairs of the circles we live in: *Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold,*

his reward is with him, and his work before him ... It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

God almighty is the owner of the universe we live in. God controls the affairs in this universe; and in the midst of this you still see how evil occurs everywhere. We can see sickness everywhere, and we also have people experiencing abject poverty. People are battered day and night, and Christ didn't tell us to go and close our eyes to these, but to become their link to the supernatural through the preaching of the gospel of salvation and the teaching of sound doctrine.

UNDERSTANDING SUFFERING

In Isaiah 42:22; we were made to know that God's children are in bondage: *But this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; for plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"*

Spiritual prison houses are spiritual circles where people are kept as prey for the roaring lion to devour. In May 2007, I received a vision that lasted for about four hours where I saw people suffering under different devilish torture. Some were tied up and being fed with mud

water. Others were carrying heavy logs of woods to and fro, without rest.

I also saw old wedding gowns hanging on a tree branch. Then the voice said to me that those being fed with mud water are always sick in the physical whereas those carrying the logs of woods are those who are labouring with little to show for it because this is all their spirit do all day and night. The old wedding gowns represent ladies who would have been married but their marriages have been locked up by the devil. If you are in any of these categories, receive deliverance now in the name of Jesus – Amen!

This is why God has given us a task to restore people back to their original destiny - you must take people from the circle of influence that God does not permit - the circle of devilish influence. If you have a relative or friend in the occult, this is the best time to win him/her over to Christ.

SUFFERING IS NOT GOD'S INTENTION FOR MAN

God does not permits suffering and all the pains we are passing through. Sicknesses and bad luck as people will say, are from the pit of hell where Satan occupies. It is because of the kind of evil forces that manipulates things around us day and night that we experience pain. Jabez

recognised this when he prayed that God should deliver him from evil so that he would not cause pain - 1 Chronicles 4:10.

In Ephesians 6:12, the Bible opened our eyes to the fact that we wrestle continuously in a spiritual realm, and we are in that circle - the spirit charged circle of influence, it is nothing but a cloud of spiritual charge and has the potential to affect our entire being. And depending on the way you live your life, you can be influenced positively or negatively by the kind of thoughts that emanates from you. Every spiritual circle of influence is charged in might by our thoughts. For instance if I don't want you to come close to me in my thoughts, you won't come close to me either. If I instil in my mind that I don't want to see this you, before you know you start keeping away from me. So your thought is what brings about the circle of influence you subscribe to. If you want to become rich and you keep thinking about it and you keep powering that thought, one day you will find yourself in the circle of wealth.

When I didn't have the intention of having a recording studio, no producer came to me. It was when I had it in my mind that I want to have a recording studio, somehow God brought someone who championed the studio, and before I knew it, he gave me all I wanted. I have gone to a level now where I guide my thoughts seriously because what I think of happens.

ADMITTED INTO JESUS
CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

If you are not a Christian, there is no way you will partake in the Holy Communion service. Holy Communion unites you with Christ and you become a part of Him so that He can bear your burden the way Aaron wore the breastplate containing the 12 stones on the ephod that was on him to signify he bore the burden of the twelve tribes of Israel in Exodus 28. We normally say circle of friends, circle of this, circle of that. So the Holy Communion unites you with Him, and because you partake in the same old communion with Him you are admitted into His circle of brethren. No one admitted into this circle ever remains the same.

OUR THOUGHTS CREATES
A HALO AROUND US

The spirit dwells superficially in the body through our thoughts. When you pray, the spirit will reveal what is happening to the physical body. In most cases you are the cause of the circle of influence that manipulates your existence. What you think or believe affects you. Your thoughts also bring the kinds of friends that come close to you. The very day you lit up cigarette in the public, those who smoke will start coming close to you so as to establish a relationship with you. There is a popular saying that ‘show me your friends and I will tell you who

you are.’ The Bible also made us to know that trees are known by the fruits they bring forth (Luke 6:44).

The very day a cigarette is found in my hand, members of my church will never forgive me or come to service. I will be seen as a total disgrace to the body of Christ. So if nobody will forgive me that mean God Himself is not happy with what I have done. Just like your character weaves a mass of perception around you, that is how your thoughts weaves a halo of charged spiritual spheres around you. A halo is also called a circle of light and they are fed by the thoughts emanating from you.

Our thoughts are generated by the interaction between our senses and the environment we find ourselves - the energy possessed by our thoughts is caused by the things around us, even the things we do not see but feel (like love, hatred etc), the living and the non living things, even the animals too. The study of ants by King Solomon affected his perception of the world. See this in Proverbs 6:6 when he said: *Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise...* There are also microorganisms competing for a space to live in our universe.

The knowledge of how different animals adapt to their environment also changes our perception. How many of us will enter the forest in the night? The very first thing we would say is “ah! there could be a Lion there, I may

be attacked by a lion” You can imagine how your own personality as the image of God is now afraid of a common beast, because the animals also want to defend their territory, even when God said every beast on the Earth shall fear you (Genesis 9:2). And because they are always waging war to ensure that their territory is not invaded, you perceive this as threat, and that is the fear that comes upon you. We can seal the spiritual territory around us from being interfered with by the evil world so that we can enjoy long-lasting peace.

GUIDE YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

Fleeing from every appearance of sin is the first point of defence so that you are not thrown into Satan’s circle, and you are only preserved when you obey God’s command - 1 Kings 19:18: *Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.* You mustn’t be seen bowing down to the altar of the devil.

In the book of 2 Kings 2:11, you will see what happens when there is a supernatural transformation. I want us to look at that again: *Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

We are made to understand here that the whirlwind came and took Elijah from Elisha. In the midst of that fire filled force of whirlwind power, Elisha saw, he never ran away. Many of us here cannot face fire, but Elisha saw and he spoke, do you think Elisha was in the physical when he saw the fire filled whirlwind? The physical can never resist what Elisha saw. He was already transformed into a form that can see the working hand of God, which was why he saw what happened to Elijah because Elijah was already in the spirit. So Elisha was now also in the spirit.

When you pray for protection you are putting a spiritual wall of seclusion, a thick boundary between you and satanic devices. When you say God protect me from evil people or God deliver me from accident, you just built a wall around you, just like the walls that surrounded Jerusalem during the reign of king Solomon - a supernatural wall that enemies will not even remember to break into.

The Lord explains what happens when we are protected in His spiritual circle in Isaiah 62:6: *I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night.* And that is why you are assured in your spirit that you are safe and protected; that all is fine, because the Lord's arm is guiding you. If you do anything contrary to the will of God, what happens to that spiritual circle sealing you from evil? The seal brakes and

the boundary become porous and penetrable to Satan and his cohorts.

A PASTOR FOR EVERYONE
IN GOD'S CIRCLE

Now we are going to go down to Jeremiah 3:15: *And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

Let's take a look at the name there, the plurality of shepherds or pastors; it is not just one pastor. He said he is going to raise shepherds or pastors for you. That means for individual persons, the way you are, it is not every gathering you must be found. And that is why when you go to some churches, you begin to find fault whereas there are people who are benefiting from the presence of God in that same church.

You complain because that is not the pastor for you and you cannot benefit from that circle of influence, from the charge of spiritual cloud existing within. Some people have also decided to raise their own pastors since they are not willing to follow the leading of the Lord, wandering from mountain to hill in search for mammon, far away from their place of rest – Jeremiah 50:6.

However, this does not exclude genuine concern for pastors deceiving the congregation, we must complain

about their works until they stop so that God's children are not led astray. You need to pray to God and ask Him to lead you to where you belong. God have pastors for every manner of people. Know who is your pastor and you will discover that he will surely have enough spiritual milk and meat for you to help you grow in the knowledge of God.

Do not worry when you are unable to win some kind of people to God, there is someone God is positioning to do the job. And that may be why the person is not listening to you, because you are not the right person to influence him or her.

This is the same reason why we find it difficult to change some people from doing evil only to discover later that someone elsewhere did it with ease. If you talk to people and they don't listen, don't bother; there is someone God have positioned to do the work.

In 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 Paul explained this vividly when he said: *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*

Watering is task that requires patience, and that is the duty of pastors. God knows what you need for your

spiritual growth, and He will give the message to one of His pastors. You have to look for that place that is where you will belong and everything; all the things you have been complaining about will be settled.

I told the congregation one day that if they pay their tithes in the church and they don't experience an increase, they should stop paying their tithe there but look for the place God has instituted for them to pay their tithe. It is only greedy pastors that will not tell their congregation the truth.

Your tithe is supposed to bring God's supernatural favour into your life - sickness should disappear, unemployment should disappear etc, provided you fulfil other righteous obligations before the Lord. You have to find that particular shepherd, pray and ask God to show you your pastor.

God will always give a message to one of his shepherd for you, so that you can be fed with knowledge and understanding. If you read the book of Jeremiah 3:15, you will see that clearly, you need to be fed to become spiritually matured. The pastor in charge of this task to ensure you grow spiritual is the one that owns your tithe. Melchizedek received Abraham's tithe because he was the spiritual lord over Salem. Search for him.

SIN SECLUDES YOU
FROM GOD'S CIRCLE

If a pot of soup is brought here and a drop of kerosene is added, what do you think will happen to the entire pot of soup? The entire pot of soup will smell kerosene. This is similar to what happens when a Christian begin to do those things unbelievers do, those things we repented from while we hide under the Bible verse "the spirit is willing but the body is weak"(Mark14:38).

When you begin to envy, gossip, indulge in jealousy etc as recorded in Mark 7:21-23, you will notice that your entire body system is mutilated to the extent you can no longer live as the entity God wanted you to be.

Just like the kerosene in the soup polluting it, so also your entire life will be polluted and you will no longer benefit from God's blessings. We must do all it takes to live in God's supernatural circle - a life in the spirit that can honour God (John 4:23).

EXHIBIT CHRIST
LIKENESS

Christianity is the only circle we can stay. Doing what God wants us to do, the way Christ has taught us, because He came to explain the will of the Father to us.

And the Holy Spirit is inside every true Believer teaching them day and night so that they may be found worthy of God because we are called by His name - the name above every other name.

We must resist anything that will take us away from this circle so that we can be influenced by the presence of God continually.

LOCATE A SOURCE OF HELP

Are you looking for help? Any good thing you are looking for is with someone. What you need to do is to know which spiritual circle the person belongs. You need to answer the following question; what is the circle, within what radius can I stay spiritually and get from this person? God has already kept the person there, and the person is transmitting thoughts just as you are also doing. If you are within that vicinity, you will be influenced by the effect of his or her thoughts. If your thoughts are evil, you will also meet evil people. A Believer who understands the will of God and exists in His circle knows how to position himself or herself to receive from God. You need to give God all your life to benefit from Him.

You see that occult people are always appealing whatsoever thing they are serving. This is why they keep

killing people for rituals because they just have to be sustained in that circle to be able to cause more havoc in high places. God has given what you are looking for to someone to release to you. You need to be there, where he or she is, at the right time so that you can be blessed with what God has given to him for you. It may be just the right advice at the point where you are about taking a lifetime decision.

LIVE IN INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS

Be a man of your words and actions, exactly as Christ did. This is what it takes to exist in a supernatural circle of the order of God. The account of your visions must not be found wanting before God. You need to sit down and ask yourself what you really need in life? What you need is what drives your passion, and to a large extent, it becomes the bedrock of your thoughts. In all be guided by sound doctrinal principles that upholds the name of God before all and sundry, and let integrity be your watchword. Let your No be your No and your Yes is your Yes, provided God receives glory by your action.

POWER YOUR DESIRE

When Barak Obama of the United States was contesting for election in 2008, if someone tells him to buy a

property somewhere, he will definitely not have yielded to that kind of temptation because there is a sit in the white house located in Washington DC that he was aiming to occupy. His entire desire was to sit on the number one seat in the US, to bring to pass his vision for the US and the whole world, as US is the present world power through its campaign for democratic governance. His desire was what led him into the right circle of influence thereby meeting the right political class in the US who helped him in securing the seat. This is what I call leadership emotional focus, which is, subjecting your emotions under control to enable one active a set goal.

The problem with many Believers is that they don't power their thoughts to the extent that it would begin to bear fruits of progress and increase. We are admonished in the Bible that if we commit our ways until the Lord, He is faithful enough to give us our heart desires – proverbs 16:3: *Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.* Look at Solomon, he was to become king and he knelt down, sacrificed and prayed because he was worried. When he went to sleep God appeared to him in a dream because he was so battered by the thoughts of the challenges of kingship before him. He was thinking of how he would lead the people of God? And in the dream God showed to him that the wisdom he was looking for was right inside him.

No student ever passes an exam he/she never thought of. I don't know what you are looking for. But if you can truly power it with all your might and ask God to give you a leading, He will not fail you because He is not a man that He should lie.

Go after what your senses appreciates, if you say God give me a husband, God may give someone you may not like because that is the meaning of the help, the man may be a primary school drop out while you are a masters degree holder, that is when the two of you can help each other. Also know at the back of your mind that whatsoever you do is being recorded, therefore ensure that all your desires are in tune with the purpose and will of God. If you are standing tall and you pray that God should give you a husband, God may give you a cripple so that you can carry the cripple and help him around. That is the purpose of marriage. A lady once said to me "why is it that all the good men around are marrying those ugly girls, can't they see me"? Well to her they are ugly and she is beautiful - from the manner she spoke, I knew she was the proud type and pride leads to destruction (Proverbs 16:18). Beauty brings pride, fame brings pride, and pride is Satan's demon of deceit. We need to be guided. Even if the girl is ugly, to the man he is fulfilling God's purpose, marrying whom his heart beats for, that is it.

So if you don't want to obey God and do His will, just go ahead and say I like this man or I like this woman. I must marry her or I must marry him, whatsoever comes out of it is your burden. What God gives you in marriage is peace. But when you make the choice on your own, anything you see after that, you are on your own, and you may not see that peace. Not even your money can buy you the peace you need.

We have to understand what we desire and how to power our desire. While writing the first edition of this book, I knew I needed a new kind of strength to enable me complete it within schedule, I got Pastor Chris and Anita Oyakhilomen's "Rhapsody of reality study Bible" and I knelt down before God, lifted up the book and I prayed "God give me this spirit, the spirit to write - give me the kind of spirit in Chris so that I can write". After then, I received a brand new strength and I started writing, I edited the original manuscript up to chapter four and I got stalked because of my work schedule. Then one day, I saw "Pillars of Destiny" a book written by Bishop David Oyedepo, I also bought it and while in the car, I placed it on my forehead and I prayed "God I need this Spirit, I want to write, give me this spirit", and the spirit came and took this book to completion.

Why did I desire to write? It was because without proper documentation visions are often deserted. King David said - *the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon*

me – 1 Chronicles 28:19. The anointing of the Lord is not completely at work until we begin to write. I have often wondered where are the writings of our Lord? It is obvious that He indeed wrote, because He wrote on the ground at a time – John 8:6: *But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground...* If He wrote on the ground, there is every tendency that He equally wrote on a paper. And I have always opined that these writings are preserved somewhere.

In 2005, things were very rough for me, I had a good Job but I had no peace in my spirit, then I came across “The Message Bible” in a book stand, I bought it and raised it towards heaven and prayed “God this is a brand new Bible, I need a new word from you - a word to transform my destiny.”

Few weeks after the prayer, God led me to a church, Salvation Ministries where I encountered God’s servant, David Ibiyeomie in 2005 and the word I needed to change my life came in one of the Sunday sermons, there and then my entire life started changing, My wife became pregnant after Doctors told her she can’t bear a child unless she had to be operated upon, I got a promotion in my job, and the Lord God almighty provided for me beyond my understanding. I bought a keyboard at some point and learnt how to play it and my family worship life changed, since then His presence has never departed from me.

We are talking about how to power our imaginations. Everything you see today, the cars you see around, people thought about them. When they started thinking about how to make them they were linked to the right people who helped them to realise their dream. I see God connecting you to the right people this day in Jesus name. Amen.

SETTING UP A LIFE ACHIEVEMENT LADDER

To remain focus, we need to set up a ladder where all the steps on the ladder represent the different stages of our life. These steps should become the basis of our New Year resolutions. We should provide answers to the following questions:

- Where will I be in five years time?
- What do I need to get there?
- What are the obstacles that can prevent me from reaching my destination?
- Where can I find help (spiritual and physical)? How can I secure what I have achieved?
- What are the avenues for increase? etc.

All these questions are enough to set you on the right path. Position the ladder in your mind, letting the topmost step represent your anticipated maximum achievement. You can then draw all you have planned in

your mind on a plain sheet of paper. This paper contains your planned destiny - it now becomes your destiny in your palm. For each of these steps, you then need to have a mentor who can lead you rightly without deviating from the will of God for your life. Your list should contain the following as a minimum:

- A statement of your purpose on Earth
- Your past failures and successes
- The areas you need to improve on
- The things you must never do again in your life
- Your planned life achievements ladder

Set out each step on the ladder. They should represent the stages you must go through before you get to the top of the ladder. Let each stage on the ladder drive your New Year resolution and targets. Present it before God and seek the Spirit of counsel and wisdom. Pray for God to lead you to the right mentors who will be your guide.

For those whose marriages are dying you need someone who has enjoyed long lasting peace in marriage to be your mentor. If you want to be a successful writer ensure to have successful authors as your mentors. For spinsters, try and locate a married couple whose marriage is blissful to be your mentor.

Your life achievement ladder should be the reason why you should be seeking counselling with your pastor.

People do not go for counselling service because they are not sure why they are here on Earth. Counselling is a steering that drives you on the right decision path provided you talked to people who have the wisdom you seek.

KNOW AND AVOID DISTRACTORS

If a man who tell lies marries a decent woman who doesn't tell lies, but he continuously telling her to tell people that he is not indoors because he is trying to avoid people, gradually the woman start seeing that attitude as a positive one and lying will no longer mean anything to her. When she starts telling lies, gradually she loses her original sense of orientation and she start to exist in Satan's circle; this is now her new territory. As far as she is concern lying is not a sin because her husband has gradually initiated her into lying. Those who distracts you doesn't wear red clothing label or human skull for you to know they are devilish. They work on you gradually through periodic advice that seems very right by all standards of measurement. Not until you have gone so far away from your godly plan, will you know that you have gone astray.

Always be focused. Nehemiah was aware he was being distracted when Sanballat and Geshem sent for him while he was building for God, and he replied them in

Nehemiah 6:2-3, thus: ...Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in [one of] the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

When you have people around you who you easily believe everything they say, be very careful because these are the same people Satan can use to derail you from God's plan for your life. Search their spirit to know who they are - if they are wolves in sheep clothing or not. As you are reading this book there are people you may start to influence their life just as others influences your life through the interpretation of what they had read.

And as you stand daily people are influencing you, someone may have influenced the kind of dress you are wearing today. Someone may have influenced the kind of decisions you make daily. As long as you live in this world, other people are influenced by your actions, day and night; by the way you behave, by your intentions.

This is why you must stand very firm in your Christian faith. You have to stand very firm so that you are not derailed, so that no one drags you from the presence of God. In most cases when anything that will take you from the presence of God comes your way you will hardly see anything wrong with it, like fornication or

simply telling a lie, for instance. They look so passive; many people see fornication as fun, as if it doesn't hurt anybody. Do you understand me child of God? People will say after all just a little time with a smoker, a little drink or wine is good for the stomach. Depending on what you call little, one glass of Heineken beer may be little to you, but to me it will make me go mad and make me not to perceive reality. Anyone who does not perceive reality is a shadow unto himself.

It is time you start to watch, ask yourself, what is that thing that people will do that can affect this faith that I have now, this life that I am living, or what will people tell me that will make what I want to achieve not to come to pass in God's kingdom.

People will certainly discourage you, there are people like that, who come day and night, they are wolves in sheep clothing, and they are the ones that will take you out of God's circle. There are three categories of people.

For the purpose of this book, I will classify them as those who add value to your life, those who are neutral - neither adding nor removing from you while the last are those who are there to devalue you. Spend more time with the first group, less time with the second group and no time at all with the third group.

LOCATE A
MENTOR

Locating a mentor is easy once you know where you are heading to in life. Once God unveils your purpose before you and you know exactly what you are here on Earth for. All you need is to also ask God to lead you. We need mentors in every sphere of our lives: Academic mentors, Spiritual mentors, Business mentors, Marriage mentors etc. Ensure that while designing your life achievements ladder, you have a clear purpose that will end up glorifying God.

In some cases animals can become our mentors. This is evident in Matthew 10:16: *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.* In this verse, the life of serpents and doves are attributes we need to become successful Christ Ambassadors. He has sent us to the world as His voice of salvation but we need these attributes to function. This tells us that we also need to understudy serpents and doves. King Solomon referred sluggish people to the ants for mentorship in Proverbs 6:6. Mentorship requires patients on both sides. The animals referred to above have one quality in common and that is patience. An ant is ready to climb through to the top of any building with a good sense of division of labour, picking grains of sugar and anything that catches their fancy. A snake patiently waits for its prey, catches it, stings it with

venom, swallows it and waits to digest it. And the dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit is also very patient, doves generally eat enough to fill their crops and then fly away to digest while resting.

A mentor should be willing to release enough information to sustain the 'mentee.' The mentee on the other hand should be willing to receive enough (learning from the eating habit of the dove) and then go back and digest the information and advice received. It is this process I have come to term as Learn, Understand and Adapt (LUA) responsibility of the mentee.

LOCATE THE PLACE OF REST

There is always a place of rest in our life where we can operate - a place where we are at peace within ourselves and with God. There, is where we can start planning for other achievements. In Genesis 11:1-4 we are informed that after the flood people were one and they spoke one language, they journeyed through rough paths until they came to a plain in the land of Shinar, then they started planning: *And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a*

tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Not until you discover this plain land in your life, will you become settled in life. A place of rest in your life could be a good job, marriage, children, the right church etc. The place of rest should be your utmost desire. Once this is settled, you can become more focussed.

SET UP THE RIGHT CIRCLE

When we make New Year resolutions, what we are actually doing is subscribing to a new circle of influence where we want to exist. Therefore when you begin to set a circle of influence for yourself, be careful that it does not take you away from God's ultimate will and wish for your soul. Know that the very day you say you need to own a car that is when you enter into the circle of car owners in your thought. When you say you want to get married this year, you should begin to see yourself that you have already left spinsterhood or bachelorhood and that you are now married. And you must start to act responsibly as married people do.

Every day you create a circle for yourself, but you need to understand that as you are creating the circle let the end result be a circle of influence that drives your passion so that you are not influenced wrongly. If you

want to become a president of a nation and all your friends are not interested in politics there is little chance that you will succeed. If you want to become a businessman and all your friends are not interested in business but are interested in civil service salary then you are in the wrong circle.

We all are in a circle of influence and it is resident inside you. Begin to build it, come out of your comfort, sit down and ask yourself, why did I come to this Earth? You need to start thinking like that, If you are a sister and all the rich men in the town are interested in you, what will you do? If you don't have a solution to what is expected of a rich man's wife, then don't even think of getting to that level. And if you are given one million dollar to spend, if you don't have a genuine plan on how to spend it don't even bother to pray that God should bless you because when God blesses you His blessings are more than a million dollar.

If you want to be a manager in a company and all your friends are labourers your dream may never come to pass. Take a look at the people Christ picked as His disciples -He didn't go to the synagogue to look for the teachers of the law because they were already corrupt, He looked for those the learned of His days sees as nonentities when it comes to the knowledge of the Torah; fisher men, the people in the streets, those were the people He worked with. In as much as you believe

that God can use nonentities and make them renowned-entities, I see your change coming quickly in Jesus name. Amen.

AVOID MOCKERS

Mockers never let you see your purpose on Earth. They are there to discourage you with their loud and wide mouth. There is an advice for us regarding this in the book of Proverbs 9:7-9: *He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.* The last line explains that a sinner will hardly learn to adapt to positive ways of life. Their relationship with God is more of a bargain service.

One of the key things we have to do in evangelism is the use of mass media to propagate the gospel, so that even mockers can be reached without them discouraging us. For instance I cannot be in a place seeing people doing wrong and will not correct them? If correcting a mocker will bring shame to us, then we need to device other means to correct them.

I was asked why should preachers of the gospel use the television media to broadcast their messages because it is

seen as though they were wasting money. Now this is one of the answers; when you are ministering on TV you don't know who is seeing and hearing the ministration. When you record your ministration in a CD or in an audiotape, you don't also know who is listening - let the listener be a mocker, and since the minister is not there he/she may not take the shame. This is key in evangelism. You have to know the kind of people you talk to, the people you advice, so that they don't steal you into their own evil circle. Watch every move around you. This is the spirit of alertness.

THE POWER OF OUR THOUGHTS

The fact you need to take with you is that you are the architect of the circle you belong and live in, that the environment you live carries a spiritual charge which has the potential to influence you and your well being. You may end up becoming what people wish you to become unless you take a bold step to fashion your life according to God's plan. This is why prayers are also very important because they are spiritual packets of thoughts that become manifest out of the abundance of our heart. Whatsoever thoughts that have its origin from our heart, from the depth of our belief system, have the potential to change the life around us before we know it. This implies that we have to do more refining of our thoughts. Let them be pure, free of hatred, foolishness

etc. In the book of Mark 7:21-23 Jesus revealed to us the “Heart pollutants”: *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.*

I was informed that our thoughts can cause matter in our spiritual circle to vibrate in response to the thoughts in our heart within a radius of 20km at any given time around us, and it enlarges as we power our thoughts, feeding the our mind with the right perception of the reality around us. In science, matter is defined as anything that has weight and occupies space including both living and non-living things. This means that we have the potential to influence matter, including people around us existing in an area of approximately 1.3 billion square meters at anytime. This far said, is yet the minimal influence of our thoughts and we can only enlarge this circle with a pure heart, causing things to vibrate in our favour. This is why we must love those that hate us and keep forgiven them if we must enlarge our coast because the area of influence is going to encapsulate those that we do not agree with, and their negative spiritual impulse of the hatred they have for us will fuse our minds and pollute our reception.

God has illustrated deep spiritual truths with mathematical figures to me maybe because I am an

Engineer by worldly profession. This is also why God is called omniscience. When He uses figures to illustrate His messages, they make me understand Him the more. For instance sometime in 2006, when He was telling me to answer His call to bring the lost back to Him, I heard: “take a look ahead of you - the people in front are those who have obeyed me but these ones that are scattered needs a shepherd,” and when I looked ahead of me as instructed by the voice, I saw that those who did His will were very few, then the voice said to me “If I tell you that those who will merit heaven are not more than 3% of those you call Believers now what will that mean to you?” Then sometime in February 2009, I heard the voice again, “I know they will not listen to you but just go and tell them because this will also serve as a testimony against them just like those I have sent before you”. On the 22nd of July 2009, the voice spoke to me again, “one third (33.3%) of present day pastors as at today will not make heaven.” You can see why we dare not leave any stone unturned if we must win every soul to God - even those in the house of God are not left out. We need revivals now than never before.

DIVINE CONNECTION

As you pray today, tell God to bring the people who will add value to your life around you and He will bring them to you. You don't need to labour for everything because

some people had already gotten the experiences you need to succeed. This is the place of mentorship as mentioned earlier. Get a mentor for every part of your life. The people you admire and want to be like. Pray for God's direction and leading. You cannot be poor and all your friends are also poor if you want to come out poverty. God only need to put you in the right circle and you will begin to benefit from the blessings within that circle. Say - God relocate me to a place where you reside the way you relocated Jacob to Bethel in Genesis 35:1: *And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God.* Say it and mean it with all your might. Hallelujah. Amen

Once you are in the right circle, your prayer life changes and you no longer pray, 'God give me a job' or beg Him for material wealth. It would be that any time you pray it is because you want to discuss with God in a father and son relationship. You just say God, in the name of Jesus, I come to you in humility, and I need your spirit this morning to lead me. That's all. So begin to tell God, 'take me closer to the people that will change my destiny,' and when they show up your problems will disappear, you will not remember them anymore. Talk to God about it because if God's Holy Spirit gives you the right words to pray with, you don't spend hours praying without an answer.

REFLECTION

The Internet super highway is similar to a physical replication of the spiritual circle of influence. Let's quickly recap our earlier discussion on the embodiment of the human spirit in chapter 2, where we discuss about the transmission and reception of spiritual messages. Those within a particular circle of influence generate information to the same circle of influence.

These circles are connected to a central processing point where God resides and monitors the information coming through the supernatural information highway. These circles are enclosed in two circles. One ruled by Jesus Christ (rule by light) - largest of the two and the other by Satan (rule by darkness). But the almighty sees them all and have inputs into the two circles.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt, his circle of influence changed. Moses circle of influence changed when he was taken into the house of Pharaoh and in the wilderness after he encountered God, his circle of influence also changed. When Samuel was taken to Eli, his circle of influence changed and he started acting as a priest. When Daniel sought the face of God, the request was sent to his circle that was why not even Nebuchadnezzar could see that revelation. When Saul was anointed as king he immediately started transmitting and received thoughts

into the circle of influence of prophets hence, he was also prophesying.

When David defeated Goliath, he existed in another Circle of influence – the circle of influence of warlords. After God arrested Paul he started functioning as an apostle of salvation because he now existed in the same circle with the other apostles where he would receive spiritual milk and meat from the bank of knowledge in heaven. Which circle do you belong?

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER FIVE

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CHAPTER SIX

PARTICIPATE TO DOMINATE

And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, ... were gathered together at Jerusalem. And ... they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, ... Be it known unto you all, ... that by the name of Jesus Christ ... doth this man stand here before you ... Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus – Acts 4:1-13

Those who are not interested in exercising the gift God has endowed them with need not read this chapter. If you are set for victory then this is the word you have been waiting for. “Participate to dominate” is a life-changing message. It is for those who are ready to take the bull by the horn and triumph in the midst of hostilities. At the end of this chapter, you shall be thinking and acting as a prince.

Why would someone come for an Olympic Competition if it were not to come out best? If you don't have the intention of becoming the best in anything you want to do in life, it is better you don't start, don't bother yourself because our God can move a mountain with a mustard seed's faith. This bold step into a life changing declaration is explained in Matthew 17:20: *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you*

To me, Faith is: *an embodiment of a wholesome personal desire powered with the last hope in your life.* This 'last hope' was given credence in Jeremiah 17:7, and it is the hope of creation - the strength of utmost power that can turn impossibility into possibility. It is a path clearer and keeps telling you, "you can." This is faith. It speaks with a mild voice, soothing your feelings of dejection, and giving you hope beyond measure. "In my name," He said with all His might and love. 'In my name' is the substance of faith. The name "Jesus" is faith.

Someone with faith as small as a mustard seed is someone who has just given his/her life to Christ. He/she has stepped into the reality of light and discovered that he/she was lost hitherto. This belief of founding the right path to destiny is what is called the little faith.

This entry-level faith is small because the Believer is yet to encounter the Lord Jesus personally but have come to accept Him because a Believer ministered to him/her. In some occasions this is the faith that healed many who were sick of their ailments. This is most prevalent in crusades where the recipient of the miracle barely know who Jesus is but have come to accept the possibility of healing because people have said Jesus can heal, and so he/she see that opportunity as a last hope to become whole again. This is mustard seed's faith.

When you encounter Jesus personally; maybe after you received a miracle, right from that moment your faith is supposed to grow above the mustard seed level. This is why Jesus was angry with His disciples in Matthew 8:23-26 when they could not calm the storm: *And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*

Every Believer who cannot calm down the storms of life is still far from Jesus. This is why this discussion is important, it will stretch your faith to a state where you can say, 'I believe I can fly and touch the sky.' You have no excuse for not achieving; there is no excuse for your failures. You would discover that in most cases, you are

the cause of your woes. So get ready let us move into the realm where you can “Participate To Dominate.”

TAKE OFF POINT

Your take off point is inherent in, and powered by your desires. The magnitude of your vision is what determines your take-off speed and energy. Feeble-minded people cannot yield the kind of strength needed to be a super achiever in life. A rocket's take off velocity is higher than that of a normal passenger plane, and the reason for the difference is found in the expected intricacies in the path of their journey - the resistance they must overcome to get to their place of landing, a place of rest.

If so little a faith as small as a mustard seed is going to move mountains, it means that you should begin to see yourself as having that dominating power. You may not be the best in terms of academics, experience etc, but wherever you go if you believe that God can announce you, this book is for you. Prophecy to destiny that you will dominate wherever you found yourself. You only need Jesus to get there.

You don't do things because people are doing them, you do things to shine - God's Glory is in your shining as explained in Matthew 5:16: *Let your light so shine before men,*

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that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

By this verse, you are already mandated to participate to dominate. The reason you are a fashion designer today is to be known all over the world as one who manufactures modest and moral looking fashion. And the reason you are married as a woman is to be a virtuous woman who people will admire. The reason you are into business is to have business partners all over the world - that is why you are participating so that you can dominate.

When a court gives an injunction concerning a case and when the court says for instance, that an election must not hold, what happens to the election? It will not hold, that means anything that will stand against that injunction is already put on hold. So when God gives an injunction concerning you, it signifies that whatsoever action that will speak against you or against that injunction from becoming fulfilled freezes and remains frozen until God lifts the injunction.

You need to see yourself as a king or a queen. Sit down like a governor, sit down like a president, and begin to see yourself as President Obama in his first day in office - that is the only way you can participate in this life transforming teaching that is before you.

UNDERSTANDING HEAVENLY INJUNCTIONS

When God said be fruitful and multiply in Genesis 9:1, He ordered an injunction against barrenness, stagnation, un-productivity, poverty and the like. God's pronouncement of be fruitful and multiply is an injunction, an order, just like a court order - that this woman must be fruitful, this man must multiply. In your business, in whatsoever you do you will multiply because there is a heavenly injunction restraining any form of un-productivity and barrenness concerning you.

God said 'nothing shall cast their young,' this is an injunction against death of young people, meaning you will grow old. And when He also said let them have dominion in Genesis 1:26, He has not create humans then, but He said, 'let us make man in our image and likeness and let them have dominion.' This means that what He has said concerning you, even before you were born has already come to pass. It is already working - believe and say ye-eh, I am a winner. Say it and mean it with every single breath in you. Amen

God will never abandon His own. Even when you are confused and spiritually blind, He voice is there to lead you.

DOMINION
AND EXCELLENCE

For every attribute of excellence we display in whatsoever we do, that is where our dominion comes from - implying that excellence leads to dominion. To have dominion means to have exclusive power that only you can exercise. This is the meaning of domination – you have exclusive wisdom that is far reaching to solve the problem at hand. Is this not what happened to Joseph and Daniel? And except the person you are going to give the authority to, like Moses transferred to Joshua, and Elijah to Elisha, no other person can do it the same way you do it. This is dominion per excellence. It is a unique attribute about your person. And this is usually the point of announcement. When God gives you an authoritarian spirit, you exercise dominating power over the creations of God. And that means you have authority to break any burden you are experiencing. You are a king with dominating tendency, and you can make and destroy. You are above sicknesses and sin has no power over you, even death. If there is any sin you think you have committed that is going to stop you from dominating as from this moment, the Bible says you are above sin in Romans 8:1 because you are now in Christ - all you need is to repent of your sins and confess Jesus as your Lord and personal saviour. After this, sin cannot have power over you again because the Lord is administering lordship over your soul. You become dead

to sin as seen in Romans 6:2. We can also have an illumination into this fact of life in Romans 8:31-33: *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

So if God is not stopping us, nobody can. If God did not spare His son for your sake He can also do more than you expected. He can save you beyond measure.

Since God has given this injunction concerning you, even if you dreamt that you are a president, you are already a president. Do you know what happened to Joseph? Joseph dreamt of everything that came to pass in his life. What you are supposed to do is to keep dreaming and prophesying to yourself. As we are going deep into this teaching, at every point in time prophecy to yourself, talk to yourself. Say good things to your spirit. King David said, "I shall not die but live..." that is the kind of prophecy you must speak to your spirit. If you are sick right now, I see God healing you, just confess to yourself "I am healed" - say it with all your strength, Amen.

The work of God is not for one man alone, join the bandwagon, pray that God should anoint you with a gift of prophecy; and there you are swimming in the

abundance of His spirit. Hallelujah. Whatsoever you imagine in your heart as from today is what you will become. Amen. We are going to see that as we go into the texts in the Bible. Jesus Christ has taken away your burden by His death on the cross of Calvary. Therefore while you exist as a living entity on Earth, I release to you this heavenly order and decree, "Participate To Dominate."

'Participate to dominate' is an unction filled instruction, it is an injunction meant to establish an order, and God has released it for your sake this day. You should believe that if it is one person that will make it you will be the one. This is your year, and I am prophesying to you as long as you believe it, anybody that is connected to you, shall likewise partake in this prophesy in Jesus name. They shall receive promotion; you will never see stagnation in your life as long as you are a child of God in Jesus name. Amen.

As from today it is you people will see. Let me tell you something - if palm oil stains your dress, anywhere you go people will see it. This decree has come to stain you - you shall participate to dominate. This is what people will see happen to you wherever you go. A king is honoured wherever he goes. So shall it be for you in Jesus name. Amen.

SEEK FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities are everywhere for you to participate in. The Bible made us to know that Daniel dominated because he recognised there was an opportunity for him to excel. Later on we are going to see how he excelled therefore providing us the opportunity to apply his therapeutic methodology when we are in the midst of an opportunity that will announce us.

Our study will be drawn from the book of Daniel chapter 2. You may decide to read the entire Daniel chapter 2 first before you continue so that you can have a clear picture while this exposition is going on. Here, God is about to announce someone and that is why the king became restless. In verse 1, it was clear the perturbing situation that the king was undergoing. I love the way King James version rendered it, the translation reads “his sleep left him,” making us to know that sleep is a spirit; it is something that can move. And this means Nebuchadnezzar was restless. See - God will cause kings to be restless because of you. When God is set to promote people, kings and queens become restless, exactly the way it happened to King Pharaoh because God was set to announce Joseph. This time God was ready to announce His name through Daniel. There was a serious burden in Nebuchadnezzar’s heart. He could not sleep. Just like what we do today, when we are sick

we begin to meet medical doctors so that they can philosophise to us. You don't know that when they give you drugs that they are philosophising to you? "If you take two tablets of Paracetamol with one tablet of vitamin C you will be healed," is philosophy and not Prophecy. You don't survive with philosophy but you can live with God's prophecies because they will touch the dirt in your spirit and clean you up.

Nebuchadnezzar called all the magicians - all the scientist of the time to go and manufacture an interpretation to his dreams just like we are finding cure for HIV and Ebola Virus. Do you understand me? Do you know that when you go to the hospital to visit a doctor, he or she will say to you, "what is wrong?" you will say "I am not feeling fine," the doctor will continue, "how have you been feeling?" you will reply, "my stomach is turning inside of me, my head too is aching, my waste is hurting etc" then he/she will philosophise to you by giving you some chemicals and speak a word of faith to you, "you will be fine" and you will go home waiting for a manifestation of his last philosophy to you.

When you encounter the Lord Jesus, he doesn't need to ask you because he already knows. If you meet a pastor who is asking you too many questions before he tells you what is wrong with you, know that he does not hear from God; on to your marks, get set and run out of his vicinity before he pollutes you. The Samaritan woman at

the well never told Christ anything before Christ told her everything in her life. Christ is our standard. Amen. How many doctors will know what is wrong with you without running a lab test? They can only guess based on the symptoms you explained to them. These are the same people we are talking about here, the same magicians, the same sorcerers, Chaldeans or what you call them, the doctors, scientist of today. They want to perform an experiment before they find an answer but God do not need experiment because He already knows from the beginning of the world.

The magicians wanted the king to tell them the dream the same way a doctor will ask you what you are feeling before philosophising to you. Where did you read in the Bible that Jesus Christ went there and asked Marta or Mary about what killed Lazarus before He knew why Lazarus died? There was no autopsy result yet He knew that Lazarus died so that God's name may be glorified. Hear Jesus speaking in John 11:3-4: *Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*

How many times did you read in the Bible - okay 'let us run a test first to know the sickness' before people received their healing? Peter's shadow healed the sick (Acts 5:15-16), which means there was no physical contact. Can't you understand that the world is drifting

away from God because of our scientific and philosophical believes? May God open our understanding this day in Jesus name? Amen.

You need to build your confidence and your faith more on God because He is your strength in times of pain, when everything seems to be dead around you, that is when He shows up, and you only need to let Him into your life. Say “Jesus dwell in me, Holy Spirit dwell inside of me.” Amen.

If a doctor ask what is wrong with you? And you reply the doctor, ‘tell me what is wrong with me and I will know you can cure me.’ What do you think will be going on in the doctor’s mind? Can you visualize what was going on between Nebuchadnezzar and his magicians now? Are you seeing what the king is doing? He said, “tell me, I know you want to buy time, so you people have been lying to me - alright, tell me now the dream, then I’ll know you have its interpretation.” Hallelujah, I wish many people would have this revelation they will no longer be deceived. Pray that the Holy Spirit should lead you out of the life of deceit.

DO NOT
BE DECEIVED

We must be as bold as King Nebuchadnezzar and be very vigilant too. Know when you are being deceived.

This king has been using this entire people for years only to realise they were deceiving him all this while. Deceit can take you far behind your destiny. He knew in his spirit for sure that this time, they have been deceiving him.

This is because God has destined to announce Daniel. Now that you have this wisdom and understanding, be bold enough to tell that person that has been deceiving you and telling you lie, 'I know you are a liar,' and as from today I cease to follow you.

You see the king has already found a new path. He knew now that his old path is not good enough for him and has been leading him astray. 'So these people are liars' - he thought all through in his mind, 'I need something new if I must live.' Separation is the key word here. Separate yourself from those who deceives you and you will see the Glory of God. You will be free from bondage, this is the value of separation, and Nebuchadnezzar has to separate himself from the liars, the deceivers he once relied on.

God will cause your boss to know that others have been deceiving him and will turn to you for advice. Your wife or husband will know those who have been telling lies to strain your marriage. Claim it in Jesus name. Amen.

OUR GOD
IS A SPIRIT

In verse 10 and 11 of Daniel 2 we were made to understand that solutions come from a Supernatural God, so why do many seek help from idols? Deceit is the right answer: *The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, 'There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, Lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.'*

If the God whose dwelling is not with the flesh is the only one who can make known the kings' dreams and its interpretations, then why are we living in the flesh? Why don't we begin to live in the spirit? This means the entire Juju you see all over your villages and all around are there to deceive you and so are those who serve them. Flee from them because they cannot tell you the truth. The Bible says, 'ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free' (John 8:32). Nebuchadnezzar is in search for the truth, he wants to know the truth. 'You people have been deceiving me, he thought deeply' - a deep thought precipitating within his spirit, and all the Chaldeans said there is nobody on Earth that can do that, except a God whose dwelling is not with flesh. Are we getting something? By now you should begin to

know that for you to “participate to dominate”, you have to exist with God.

We have been talking about existing with God in the supernatural. One certain day Jacob was sleeping and all of a sudden he saw in his dream, a ladder from heaven and angels were climbing up and down upon it. When he woke up as recorded in Genesis 28:12, he said ‘Ah, I didn’t know that God is here,’ there and then he raised an Altar for God. Today you will encounter the presence of God like never before in Jesus name. Amen.

God is set to announce Daniel and there is commotion all over Babylon. I tell you when God shows up in your life, you see supernatural earthquake and if His showing up is to announce you and favour you, whosoever is the link to that announcement will never have rest until you are announced - this is truth.

TURN TO GOD FOR ANSWERS

The way we seek solution to our problems is influenced and aggravated by the significance we ascribe to these problems. And the desire to secure a solution to the problems we have has lead many Believers into the hands of fake pastors, spiritualist, and fake prophets. In some cases sicknesses have turned many into doctors’

experimental specimen and guinea pigs. This has to stop in Jesus name. Amen.

You know the problems we are having these days? When things are turning upside down we normally run up and down looking for the next person to complain to or ignite fear into his or her heart. We are good at broadcasting our predicaments to unbelievers. David made us to know that we are not to announce our misfortune to unbelievers so that they don't seek an avenue to mock our God in 2 Samuel 1:20: *Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.*

We are good at complaining and when God intervenes we eat His testimony because we are thinking the Pastor will demand for offering or tithe from us - who cares? Genuine pastors don't beg to eat; God makes provision for them in abundance. Acknowledging God with our substance only makes Him release more blessing into our coffers, and we are at risk by keeping the testimonies from Him. Even with people refusing to pay their tithes, are the works of God not moving forward? Yes of course! Have you ever seen a labourer dictating to the owner of a farm what the owner should harvest from his farm? May God speak to you now and make you see what you have been losing by refusing to honour His command to give.

Why can't we behave like Daniel, He didn't run away, he told his friends and in one accord, they sought God, and He gave them a revelation. Are you sure the friend you are asking to join you in pray is happy doing it with you? - You must agree together before your prayers can be answered. For instance, a spinster can meet a married woman to pray with her for a husband rather than meeting a fellow spinster like her. The former will surely send purer prayer signals than the later because the married woman is not competing to know who gets married first.

You need to know that not until the big tree is cut down, the small ones that are growing under will not receive the rain or sunshine in full measure - do you know that? This is what companies do when they retrench older staff and recruit young ones. So when there is a change, it is for your good. If you hear today that there is fight in this city, don't go anywhere until God says so. Don't we forget how God told Isaac to stay despite the famine that hit the land in Genesis 26, and Isaac obeyed and he became prosperous beyond the understanding of the people around him.

You will increase in Jesus name. Amen. God wants you to take over and this could be the reason that fight is taking place. He wants to cause you to increase in the midst of that trouble so that your increase will dumbfound people. Don't run, hold on to God tight;

and by the time the fight is over, the Egyptians you used to see, you will see them no more because they will no longer be there to torment you, and your burden is taken away so that you can now dominate beyond expectation. Hallelujah.

BE RESTLESS
IN THE SPIRIT

In Genesis 27:40, Isaac told Esau that he can only overcome when he shall become restless. And Jonah prayed in the belly of the fish as seen in Jonah 2:1- in the midst of confusion, and God answered him: *Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly.*

This is why in the book of Mathew 11:12 we are told that the new order now is to take it by force: *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.* In that midst of restlessness, that is where God will bless you; that is when God want to take away that your burden. See it happen in Jesus name.

Not until you become restless, you cannot see God, Nebuchadnezzar is restless and he is about to see God in action. Let's follow him closely and see what happen next.

CONFRONT YOUR FEARS

God did not give us the spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). The disciples of Jesus became so bold after they encountered the supernatural power of God's Holy Spirit - They began to speak in other tongues. In verses 13-16 of Daniel chapter 2, Daniel's boldness was in full display: *So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them. Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel. So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.*

You saw that according to the decree in verse 13, Daniel is supposed to be hiding from the king's wrath because he was one of the wise men in Babylon. But he asked why it is so urgent and he demanded for more time from a king that was furious with rage all over his face - a king that had ran out of patience.

Speak out - don't be afraid of people who can only destroy your flesh. Do not be a moron, swallowing everything hook and line at the same time - I tell you this, don't be afraid to ask questions even if it will take your life. Ask those who seek your life, "Why are you

after my life”? Tell your boss, why do you hate me? Let your spouse know that his/her attitude is killing you slowly - speak out.

Daniel spoke his mind, not letting anybody intimidate him and force a solution out of him without his first seeking the face of God. He must have thought in his mind, “why does he need that answer so urgent? What is bothering the king?” Daniel resolved not to be panicked by the king’s seemingly wrath. Don’t let people intimidate you. See! God created this world out of darkness, and the darkness couldn’t comprehend His declarations - so why are you afraid. You have the power to turn darkness into light - just be calm and you will get there. Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time. Are you seeing this? This is the king that is already killing people and here is Daniel walking in there with boldness to ask the king to give him time. If you know your God you can ask anybody to wait until you hear from God. Don’t allow to be pushed about by people who need your input in a hasty manner. Professionals take their time to put their words on the table for others to ponder.

KNOW
YOUR GOD

You will see the glory of God in Psalms 113:2-4: *Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore!*

From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

Daniel was aware of the working power and glory of God, which was what gave him the impetus, audacity and earth-quaking boldness to tell king Nebuchadnezzar that he should put away his fears and therefore should not worry - that he should give him sometime in which the answer will be made known to him.

You can see Daniel's unrelenting faith - he must have walked into the palace of the king like an explorer who have come to his/her destination, an opportunity to shine; someone trading his last hope to see that Babylon respects the true God, Jehovah Elohim.

Begin to understand that the King you serve is high above all nations and his glory is above the heavens. You don't have any problem, give honour to God, and as you pray, have the confidence in your spirit that this prayer has been answered, and just begin to thank and praise God. Jesus made this assertion in Mark 11:24: *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.* Once you have that belief, Satan can no longer wobble your mind and wither your faith.

FELLOWSHIP WITH
OTHER BELIEVERS

Daniel did something that amazed me. When he came back, he didn't keep it to himself, he told his friends as seen in Daniel 2:17: *Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions...*

After hearing the reward, some of us would have kept it to our self and try to struggle it out alone. This is the 'I' syndrome. Even in the beginning, God said – *let us make man...* Daniel have the heart of God – *'cooperation is the secret of success.'* All of them were captives and he needed to tell them because they all have the same mind. He did not meet the magicians or the astrologers, but he told his friends. Your friends must be the same as you, if you tell your problems to an outsider; he will use it to laugh at you. But if you tell your friends, those who believe in you, who have the same mind as you, they will definitely take the problem to God with you. If you tell your enemies, they would try to push you out of the way. You don't need multiple advisers; you only need those who can help you take the burden to God in prayer. Do you know the spiritual intelligence strength of that pastor you are relying on to pray with you? Pray for God to lead you rightly and you will not miss your train, especially now that we have fake pastors with a mission to derail God's children out of the strait heavenly path.

What was the reason, why did he take it to his friends? We will see it in verse 18: *that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

So when you have a problem and you call the brethren together in church, and you say this is my problem, the reason you are calling them is because you believe they can help you take the matter to God. This understanding is key to your success.

Do not bother about that problem which has refused to go out of your life. As you move ahead with the understanding in this message from this moment you are going to participate to dominate in Jesus name. Amen. You will see it later that Daniel dominated. Open your heart and watch Daniel closely so that you can be fused with his anointing and spirit. He was one of the wise men, and he went ahead to participate. Though the other men couldn't give the meaning of the dream but he went ahead to still participate. Don't be discouraged by the failures of others.

THINK ABOUT TOMORROW

In verse 29 you will see an account of Daniel's trust in the revelation God gave to him: *As for you, O king,*

thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. In chapter 5 we explained an important subject, spiritual circle of influence, and we also talked about the power in our thoughts.

You can see that the king was thinking, that was why he had those dreams. The ongoing unrest was caused by the thoughts of the king. Not until you begin to think of that problem - not until you begin to analyse that problem you have, will you dream about it. The king was thinking; he slept and he dreamt. What do you think Daniel was also doing? Why do you think he dreamt about the solution? It was because he too was also thinking – ‘what is the meaning of this dream? God what is this dream about?’

BE QUICKENED IN THE SPIRIT

An account of the revelation from God is contained in Daniel 2:19-23: *Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said: ‘Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. ‘I thank You and praise You, O God of my*

fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand."

You must know when answers come. You must be alert in the spirit to know that God has answered. Daniel said in verse 21: *bless be the name of God forever for **wisdom** and **might** are his*. Implying that Daniel was going to apply wisdom in answering the king. The other word there is – might, implying that he would act with confidence because of the trust he has in God.

How many of us have thrown away God's blessings because we are doubtful? Now, you need to see something here, he saw it in a dream, how did he know that was what he was looking for. He has not even gone to tell the king so that the king will say yes or no, but he has started blessing God already. Many of us are in the habit of waiting for confirmation from people before we give thanks to God.

Are you seeing understanding at play here? - That today if you can just tell God about that situation with all sincerity of heart that it will be done for you? We must put our hope on Him - not having optional solutions to our problems. Many of us are sick, and after been prayed for, we still start thinking of getting pain killer drugs.

A HUNDRED PERCENT
TRUST IN GOD

In Jeremiah 17:7-9, the Bible made it clear that you must put your 100% trust in God. No sharing formula. 100% trust - that is what it takes to tap into His abundance. We can read Daniel 2: 14 to see how Daniel answered the king's guard because of his trust in God: *Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon;*

Let it begin to reign in your mind that you are already dominating because you are a child of God. Release that energy from your subconscious self and vibrate with all your strength. You need a brand new kind of spirit, the spirit of counsel and wisdom. With God's spirit inside of you, your business will increase. If you do anything that will give glory to God, you will dominate. Say now, "I cannot be second position," and you will always be first in all you do in Jesus name. Amen. There is nobody who sees the sun and is not happy - if the sun shines in the morning; you will say, "ah, the sun has risen." Likewise if you also see the moon in the evening, you are happy. You shall be like the sun, you shall be like the moon, and people will look up to you to lead them to God in Jesus name. Amen.

Be bold and confident, as you participate in whatever you do. You can see this in Daniel 2:16 when Daniel

demanded for more time from the king as explained earlier. If you need something and you know who is holding it, meet him/her. Tell him/her what you want, and the Lord you serve will go before you. No matter the kind of boss you have, no matter who that person is, no matter what is inside the person. Once the word of God goes forth, the person will obey. Nebuchadnezzar obeyed Daniel, so you will be obeyed in Jesus name. Amen

INTERCEDE
FOR SOMEONE

Daniel interceded for his enemies. See what he said in Daniel 2:24: *Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."*

We sometimes pray that our enemies should live long to see who we would become in future. What you need to do is pray for them, so that they will begin to see the awesomeness of God - they are your harvest. Pray for those who laughed at you that you're not going to become anybody this year; pray that God should keep them so that next year they will see your increase and give praise to God and worship His majesty for your sake. That is when you begin to honour the command in

Mathew 5:9 that says: *Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*

HUMBLE YOURSELF

You must humble yourself before you can excel. For the purpose of enlightening us on the importance of humility to our success, some notable quotes below have been included here:

-Humility makes great men twice honourable - Benjamin Franklin

- The grace that makes every grace amiable is humility - Samuel Richardson

- He that places himself neither higher nor lower than he ought to do exercises the truest humility - Charles Caleb Colton

- True humility - the basis of the Christian system - is the low but deep and firm foundation of all virtues - Edmund Burke

In the book of Mathew 18:4 we are made to understand that: *Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

This verse is self explanatory, teaching us that humility is a key quality for those desiring heaven. We can therefore see why God answered Daniel so quickly. He humbled himself by not claiming to know more than others, read

verse 30 for this account: *But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.*

In verse 48 - 49 of the same Daniel 2, he decided to stay at the gate in contrast to the great honourable position accorded him by the king. How many of us will do this, to reject all that promotion to become a gatekeeper? This is the secret of wisdom. We would see that in Esther 2:19-21, Mordecai sat at the king's gate showing that the work of a gatekeeper was even lower than that of the king chamberlains who kept the doors. And a further review would show that after the king set Haman above the princes of the land, those at the gate worshiped him (Esther 3). If Daniel was *made ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon*, he shouldn't have been a gatekeeper, but humility made him to petition the king to honour his brethren instead, while settling for the position of a gatekeeper. Humility is a twin brother to wisdom. Both of them are needed before God can promote you. If your prayers are not receiving the intended results, check yourself, lack of humility may have denied you access to God's intervention.

Know that you can only succeed with God on your side. Don't think because you have first-class degree from university so you're going to dominate your peers - No

way! It is because you are nobody that is why God will use you; begin to have that at the back of your mind this hour. Don't let pride overtake you, else you will not dominate. And when you start to reign in the beauty and glory of the Lord do not forget other Believers who stood by you. Use your testimony as a tool for evangelism.

EMPOWER OTHER BELIEVERS

Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

Daniel remembered his friends who prayed with him in verse 49. When God has given you what you want to possess so that you can have dominion, don't forget to see how your fellow brethren would be honoured, especially when you are in a strange land. This is the principle that has strengthened the Yoruba tribe of Nigeria wherever they go. I have seen that it is rare to see the Yorubas worship in a church not pastored by a Yoruba. Though I do not really buy the idea that a pastor must be my tribesman for me to believe that he is a servant of God. As long as we share the same communion in Christ we are one. These are the people you ought to position around you so that you don't fail in your new position. If you're working in a place and

those around you are not Believers you are bound to have problems with the tolerance of your beliefs, as many will want to upturn your belief of integrity. You should also be aware of the fact that because someone followed you down to the church or you see a brother or a sister worshiping in church does not qualify him/her as a Believer. Many do deceive people that they have repented especially when they are in need. When God establishes you and cause you to have dominion and control, you must make sure that the people you fellowship with are Believers and the people who live with you are also Believers.

ANointING FOR DOMINION

We have been talking about participation to dominate, and we have seen what Daniel did to dominate. Today we are going to speak to ourselves.

Bring out your anointing oil. If you use your right hand to eat, pour the anointing oil on your left palm and if it is your left hand you use always, pour the oil on your right palm. And make sure that the hand you're going to pour the anointing oil is the hand you don't use always, because that hand has become an altar for God. Anytime you see that hand, something new is going to happen because God is going to possess it right now. Be firm in your spirit. After pouring the anointing oil on your palm

put the palm on your forehead, depending on the hand you used, while you read and confess these prophecies below into your life, and be quick because the angel of God is here with you.

- As we read in verse 25: *Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."*

You have been found. No matter how hidden your business is, you have been found and people will come to you. No matter what that problem is, you have been found and the helper is on the way. No matter what you've been thinking of, and that which has been bothering your mind, today there is good news because God has located you. Anybody who has a blessing for you has found you, and you are now in that circle of influence and your life is transforming from today with the glory of the Lord. You will begin to have dominion as it happened to Daniel. For that business growth - it is only you. For blessing, it is only you. For promotion - it is only you; for prosperity- it is only you. You have come to have dominion in Jesus name. Amen

- We also read verses 46: *Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.*

The king bowed down and prostrated before Daniel. Today, as we make this mark - as we stamp this seal upon your forehead, governors will bow before you, presidents, kings and queens will bow down before you. They will honour you; they will bow down before you because you carry the name Jesus - a name above every other name. Sickness and poverty will prostrate before you.

The word of God has come before you and this is a decree. You will never see sickness again. This is a decree and an injunction against poverty, sickness, and misfortune, and against any demonic spirit in Jesus name. It has been issued from heaven that we might prosper, that we shall possess our possessions, that you shall increase and not decrease, that you must have dominion; you have come to conquer and have promotion in Jesus name. Amen.

Anywhere you go, people will look at you and see a shining star. Nobody will turn you away; they'll see you and attend to your needs. From grass to grace, glory to glory, you shall be promoted. The king of kings has answered your call. Amen.

- And in verse 48: *Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.*

The king promoted Daniel. As you participate in every human endeavour to have dominion, you shall be promoted in the name of Jesus. Amen. You will never lack anything. Isaac sowed even when there was hunger and great famine everywhere in Genesis 26 and he reaped a bountifully. I speak God's word to you today that you shall reap a hundred fold and you shall be promoted in Jesus name. Amen.

Isaac said to Jacob "go". I speak the word of God to you this day. Go and dominate - possess, acquire, go and have peace. Go and seek no more in Jesus name.

Rub the anointing oil on your forehead and prophesy unto your life. So shall it be as you have confessed in Jesus name. Amen and Amen.

REFLECTION

When Christ started His ministry on Earth, the disciples of John the Baptist abandoned John for Jesus Christ. The Snake of Moses swallowed pharaoh's weak snakes. Daniel participated in dream interpretation and dominated the kingdom to the extent the King has to worship him. As Believers we are not in an earthly race to be considered for an earthly price by any earthly authority because we already have hold on any kind of reward we need. God created the Earth out of darkness. And if God cannot be intimidated, I see no reason why

you are failing. Elijah was a prophet yet with great authority that he could challenge the worshippers of Baal in the midst of other prophets then in Israel. What is holding you? You are a conqueror with a brand new fire. Smile - God loves you. He is in you now - shake your body, swing your arms around, jog around, you are blessed already. Shalom!

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER SIX

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CHAPTER SEVEN

RISE TO THAT CHALLENGE

Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee – Deuteronomy 2:24-25

As Believers we have to be the source of light through which other people can be lighted. Now that you are dominating, challenges are bound to come your way. The moment the house of Saul heard that David was anointed king, they sought to kill him (2 Samuel 3:1). When Herod heard of the birth of Jesus Christ, he sought to kill Him (Mathew 2:7-16). David's defeat of Goliath angered Saul when he heard the victory song of the Israelites; he became full of fury to end David's life

(1 Samuel 18:7-8). You can see that you are not alone, and if David could succeed with the power of God, you too shall triumph. We are made to know that the anointing of God upon David enabled Him to overcome the antics of the devil - Psalms 89:20-21: *I have found my servant David; With My Holy oil I have anointed him, With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.* And in 2 Samuel 3:1 we learnt how he excelled: ... *But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.*

If as Believers we have to be the light through which the world will be lighted – Matthew 5:14, how can we be the light of God on Earth when we are not dominating darkness - it is only light that can dominate darkness. As small as your sitting room how many electric bulbs do you have there? You have more than one I expect, but as big as this world we have just one light to light up the day and one to light up the night. You are the light of God and because you receive your light from God, you are like the sun – the sun is never hidden.

This is why you see that a servant of God cannot hide - Joseph was brought out of the prison because he was of God. A servant of God carries God's power. And wherever God shows up there is an earthquake - that is why whenever a servant of God appears, there is a tremor in the hearts of the people around him ready to receive the Lord he represents. This is the prophesy of

God to you this day - that name your father gave to you in the secret and privacy of your home shall become a public name. That name will become a worldwide name. You shall see how to become a public figure as you read on. Your spirit will be so charged that you will want to exhale for joy of discovery - like an explorer who has come to his/her destination, no more nights of fright and cold.

As you read this chapter today, you are going to experience the power of God diffusing through your body, mind and soul, like never before. My prayer for you is that as you encounter Him today, God should give you the right sense to feel His presence. You need that quietness and confidence to hear Him. God relocated Jacob to Bethel in Genesis 35, and as you worship Him this day in His presence He shall relocate you to a place of rest.

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT TO BURN FOR GOD

Today you need to charge your spirit so that you can rise to the challenge in your life. When we buy a new mobile phone handset, we are told to charge the battery for hours until full before using the phone so that the discharge rate of the battery will be minimal during usage. In the same way we need to soak our spirit in the word of God continually for about 24 hours nonstop

before to spark us to start exercising the faith within. In this way we can never be deceived by Satan's tricks.

AFFLICTIONS DON'T COME FROM THE LAND

You need to know that whatsoever afflictions you are passing through don't come from the land you find yourself. I want to share that with you in Job 5:6 and Psalms 9:13.

- Job 5:6: *For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble spring from the ground...*
- And Psalms 9:13: *Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death.*

These Bible verses made us to know where the affliction comes from; they come from those who hate you. Sometimes I hear people say this city is not good; I want to pack and live in another city. What happen to those who are making it in that city you are running out from - are they super humans? let's find out.

I attended a church service when I was a Youth Corp member, the national mandatory one-year paramilitary and humanitarian service for fresh university graduates, and I met a pastor who spoke destiny into my life. What he said changed my thinking about why people suffer; it

was a small church with just about fifteen Believers or so. The pastor said, ‘there is no land that is dry, what you should pray for is that God should not allow you come across dry people.’ Dry people don’t have anything to offer, no idea, no good information, and no good news. They keep telling you, ‘did you hear what happened today? Someone died oh, that business you want to start is not good oh,’ and they keep giving you bad news. Those you imitate, who lead you astray are the ones that afflicts your life.

I was in service one Sunday in 2005 at Salvation Ministries and Pastor David Ibiyeomie ministered in his sermon, “You don’t have a house of your own and you drive a V-Boot Mercedes Benz, do you want to ‘V’ your life?” That counselling was meant for me no doubt, and I was so touched in my spirit that my face became swollen because then I owned a V-Boot 3.2L Mercedes car and I had no house of my own. When I got home that faithful day, I looked at the car and then into my life. That was when I realised how much money the car was consuming from me monthly. The sermon touched my inner spirit and I was moody all day long.

I knew I needed help, so I started sowing into the church building project every Sunday. However, a week before that admonition came, I sowed for a prophetic word from God. So when the word came, it was like a burning sensation in my heart. Things took a new dimension

after that day and today I own a house of my own and finally replaced the V-Boot with a smaller 1.6L engine car.

I bought the V-Boot Mercedes car not because I needed it but because I was imitating people. God will enable you to imitate the right people in Jesus name. Amen.

Job 5:6 and Psalms 9:13 summarises it all. The afflictions you suffer do not come from the land or from the dust but from the people who hates you. It is only someone who hates you that will not caution you when he or she sees you going astray. If anybody offers you cigarette, know that he is sent from the pit of hell to kill you - see what is written at the back of the cigarette packet: "Smokers are liable to die young."

Anyone who offers you strong drink is a devil, he wants to destroy your liver. Many parents will say, "I don't want people to hear my voice," and end up sparing the rod to spoil the child. Can't we see the level of rascality and hooliganism we have in society today? It is because those who hate them have refused to show them the right way. If you are not a Believer as you read this book, look for someone to lead you to Christ today because tomorrow may be too late - do not procrastinate, just do it.

INTERCEPT
THAT OBSTACLE

You cannot wait until the war envelops you before you resist the enemy. I like taking note of the war strategies in the Bible to enable me understand how to overcome the enemy. What we want to do now is to rise against every obstacle on our path to success and we must be willing to wear our armour gear as we come against that stubborn Goliath on our path. As you enter into your place of rest you shall ride in like a king - Amen. The reason why Goliath has to die was to allow David find it easy to become a king. When David rose against Goliath, he never cared who Goliath was. The Bible said Goliath was a very tall, huge human being, one of the giants, and because of that, the Israelites were afraid of him. But not so with David because he knew God was with him.

When Gideon rose against the Midianites, he never cared about their number. And in Jeremiah 50:2 the Bible says Babylon is taken, then why are we complaining? The duty to overcome lies in our hand. God said we should set up a standard against the walls of Babylon and make the watch strong in Jeremiah 51:12. Setting up a standard and watching to ensure that we are not engulfed in Devil's net is our duty and responsibility.

It has to do with finding our rest in the Lord – Jeremiah 50:5: *Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual*

covenant that shall not be forgotten. Never again shall we perambulate from the mountain to the hill – from one altar to the other, because we disobeyed the voice of the Lord earlier (Jeremiah 50:6). The Bible also said that we should watch and pray in Mathew 26:41. When you are not vigilant, you cannot see your afflictions because they are spiritual manipulations.

In the book of Nehemiah 4:7-9, the Israelites did not relent to watch, when they became aware that their enemies had conspired against them. The enemy says in Psalms 2:3: *Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.* This is exactly what we are going to do to them in retaliation – the same measure of affliction they planned to invade us with; else we would become weighed down by the influences of the adversaries.

This is our duty and this is what we are going to do today as you read these prophetic lines. If you are not aware that you are being monitored day and night to see that you achieve nothing, then you better know now. The devil is there, day and night accusing you before God. If you want to know, see that in Revelation 12:10. He is the accuser of the brethren, he is always telling God - “this person has committed sin and therefore must die.” Today we silence every voice of demonic opposition to the will of God in our lives in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ABSTAIN FROM ALL
EVIL APPEARANCES

You have to abstain yourself from all appearances of evil so that Satan will have nothing to accuse you of. This is important because sinners cannot stand in the congregation of the righteous (Psalms 1:5). It is only when you fear God that you shall receive healing in all spheres of your life. Hear the word of God in Malachi 4:2-3: *But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.*

When you give in to Satan's evil manipulations and therefore giving him the opportunity to accuse you before God, you find it difficult to be in the congregation of the righteous.

TAKE AUTHORITY OVER
THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

We shall be taking authority over the kingdom of darkness that rules over the world. We are going to start by pleading the blood of Jesus for our sins and stand out like David against any Goliath on our path to victory. This is the summary of what we shall be talking about as we rise to that challenge. Build up your spirit and we

shall, together, erect a standard against the enemy because you are going to defeat that challenge in your life this moment.

Our discussion will take root from the book of Judges 7:1-31. First of all know that the battle is the Lord's, it is not your experience, certificate, or degree, and it is not the trade you learnt that is going to prosper you, if it is against the will of God for you. Anchor your trust in Him alone.

NOT WHAT YOU ARE

And the Lord said to Gideon, 'The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' - Judges 7:2

God made Gideon to know that it is not every Tom, Dick and Harry he sees in the street, who carry CV about are qualified to stand with him to the end. This is the problem many of us face - we judge qualifications by what we see, but God sees beyond the physical. This is again a reason to exist in the supernatural so that you can see things as they are in the spirit.

And for job seekers, God is saying through this passage that you should take away your hope on that experience

or certificate - don't begin to hope on them as the reason why you must have an upper hand in your quest for a fulfilling job at the interview because God is going to do what you don't believe will happen. The impossible is what God does, and the impossible is what He is going to do today, but when you begin to feel, it is your experience or you know how to pray so well that is why God is going to prosper you, you will not receive it. Let's know that it is God's will that can turn our lives around.

FEAR NOT!

You must remove fear from your mind because to conquer you have to remove fear - Judges 7: 3: *Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead...*

The moment you see a soldier wearing that uniform, there is no more fear in his heart. And that is what you are putting on today; you are putting on Christ, the armour for this battle you are going to fight today. In the same verse 3 we were made to know that some of the soldiers that went with Gideon returned back because of fear - Judges 7:3: ... *And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.*

That will not be your portion, you will not return disqualified in Jesus name. Amen. We have come to a

point of no return, and we're marching forward. I heard a voice in June 2014, 'the level you are now, you dare not backslide else the devil will make a mess of you.' The moment you declare for Christ, you are declared, 'wanted' by the devil and his cohorts.

PASS GOD'S
LITMUS TEST

But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink - Judges 7:4-5.

Knowing how to lap water with your tongue is one of the tests you have to pass to assure yourself that you are fit to stand out in this battle field – this is God's standard test. Do you know the *modus operandi* in God's kingdom? This is the place of spiritual learning. God is already testing all of us to know those people who can overcome. God wants to know if you can overcome. He is testing the limit of your patience because you need patience to lap water with your tongue. He tested Abraham's loyalty to him when He demanded for Isaac

as a sacrifice to Him. He is always testing you, and that is why when you kneel down and begin to rumble some words, and say you're praying, God will be laughing at you and He will walk away because He knows that in your heart you do not trust Him - you just want to try Him out. In other words you are putting His name to tempt, and Jesus Christ warned Satan on this issue of tempting God in Matthew 4:7.

You can see what God did here in Judges 7:4-5, it was as if saying to Gideon, 'don't worry, let me test them for you - Let me chose those people who will stand with you.' And He said to Gideon - anybody who can lap with his tongue and take water is the person that will go with you, but those who squat on their knees cannot stand to fight with you. Allow God to make that choice for you. This test points to perseverance. Jesus Christ made us to know this is the right way to go when He said in John 17:24: *Father, I desire that they also whom you gave to Me may be with Me where I am...*

Apart from the church where we need to wait on God to do the appointment of elders, assistant pastors, teachers etc, if you have any business, don't be in a hurry to appoint people into positions, let God do it for you. God test the people He wants to use and those are the people He favours, and they are the ones that benefits from His glory. The Bible says in Isaiah 60:1; "the glory of God has risen upon Zion," the reason why the glory of God

came upon Zion is because God resides in Jerusalem, and today God is going to reside in you and you will experience His glory in Jesus name. Amen.

You can see now that in verses 6-7, the number reduced: *And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the Lord said to Gideon, 'By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place - Judges 6-7.*

Out of 32,000-army strength, 300 went with him; it is not your experience, nor the curriculum vitae. Why need that number of employees when only few can do it with God on your side? Use that little idea that you have prayerfully, surrendering all to God and you will multiply. Whatsoever you want to do in the house of God, do it well to the recognition of God, and not to the amazement of people, so that the Lord who sees you from His secret place will reward you remarkably. It doesn't mean you have to be the best, just do it well and satisfy your heart, knowing that you have given your best to God, A man's gift makes a way for him (Proverbs 18:16). The Bible can't be wrong, anybody who gives you a gift is always closer to your heart. Let your service to God come from your heart; if it is praise and worship do it excellently well from your heart. Mary sat all the feet of Jesus, listening, and that qualified her as one who

seeks the needful - Luke 10:38-42, meaning that what we seek in most cases add wastes to our lives, and we all know that wastes are a burden of disrespect as they smell obnoxiously around us, causing people to desert us. If to listen in the house of God is what you know how to do best, just do it. That is why you normally see that those who receive miracles are those who barely know Jesus. As you read further you will see the Midianites' army Gideon was coming against with 300 men in verse 12: *Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.*

The Midianites were as many as the sand in the seashore. That is how many they were, and 300 men are coming against them. Can you see what God is about to do? That when God is set to announce you, He works with your heart and not your might.

Sometime if your challenges are not much as a huge mountain, God cannot announce you because He is a mountain mover. You only receive a price in an Olympics game after scaling through all the hurdles in the competition, in a fascinating, enterprising and with 'a winner takes all' spirit. When your enemies are much and God shows up in your situation, people will easily believe their testimony of what God did for you because they are well known to people as your enemies. This is the

reason why God used Paul, a former persecutor of Believers, to propagate the gospel with such strength and vigour, as seen in the book of Acts and the epistles of Paul.

THE BATTLE BELONG TO GOD

If you believe in your conviction that the battle is the Lord's, then you would be convinced on what would happen at the end of this exercise. God only needs your obedience to fight for you. He tested Gideon's army and reduced the strength to 300-man army strength yet Gideon was not afraid. He still marched ahead being sure that the Midianites' soldiers were a multitude. That number didn't frighten him. That boldness was what God was looking for. That total dependence on His awesome strength and power. God gave Gideon a clue in verses 10-11, to what He was going to do to his enemies when He told him to go down to the camp of the enemy to hear of their defeat story, fashioned in the form of a dream. In verses 13-14, Gideon heard it all and he became more strengthened: *And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."* Then his companion answered and said, *"This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon*

the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole

In the dream as seen above, a loaf of bread came down to their camp and destroyed their tent. And the Midianites would say, this is nothing but the hand of God. What a splendid interpretation of the working power of God. Even many Believers won't know this interpretation because nowadays Believers are so engrossed with shadows of reality, as their spiritual mindset is been white washed with unending promises of deceit from hungry preachers. The symbolic meaning of the bread the Midianites saw in the dream can be seen in John 6:48 when Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." Jesus is that bread they saw, and at the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee bows and every tongues, including that of our adversary shall confess that, indeed, a greater than life power is present (Philippians 2:10).

Dreams are important and if we have thought before now that dreams are not, then we need to start changing our mindset; they give spiritual insights into our destiny and struggles in life. A loaf of bread rolled down and destroyed their tent, and because of that, they knew that God had already delivered them into the hands of Gideon. Jesus Christ is our deliverer and redeemer. He is our saviour. He was right there to deliver Gideon.

Now that you know what to do you should stand up now and be in the mood of prayer.

TAKE THE BATTLE
TO THE ENEMY'S CAMP

And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand -Judges 7:15.

In the spirit of unity with Gideon, in his very words in verse 15 "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand," stand up on your feet, and start looking into your life, it is time for sober reflection, and ask yourself what is this thing that has to leave so that you can move forward. Look into what is disturbing you that has reared its ugly head against your success like a serpent that is blocking your path of success. Think about that thing that is disturbing your life from achieving that which you supposed to have achieved, making it difficult for people to give glory to God for your sake.

Maintain a five minutes moment of silence. Now you are going to set a standard against these walls and obstacles in your life that you have identified in your heart and you are going to pray, raising a standard against that which the enemy has set against your success in life.

You need to take authority over every kingdom of darkness - over every utterance of the agents of darkness against your life. Curse every lying tongue from the pit of hell against your destiny. Do you know Satan can block your blessings? You should know by now. He did it to Daniel in the book of Daniel 10:12-13, and his prayers were held up for three weeks causing him a monumental delay to his destiny, yet the answer to Daniel's prayers was released right from the very first day he yielded to God. See – I demand you to be aggressive this moment in prayer. You need to uproot every gate of hell against your success with the blood of Jesus right now.

REFLECTION

Where were you when that Goliath looking sickness struck a member of your family? Where were you when that challenge confronted you? If we spend million of dollars in a crusade and only few people are healed, is that the name of Christ if Peter's shadow could heal the sick? The Bible recorded in Acts 5:10 that many of the people who were sick were healed. This was possible because Peter trekked through the multitude. When the missionaries came into Nigeria they went into the interior. You love to stay in an air-conditioned hall believing your offering and your tithe will win souls for Christ. Don't deceive yourself. Go out there and win souls for Christ, the strength of a kingdom is measured by the number of people who show allegiance to the

king. I am sure you will not want to see devil recruiting more souls into his Kingdom than we are doing for God. Your life is a testimony on its own and many more souls will repent. Come out of your comfort and declare for Christ today, **“Mass Mobilization for the Actualization of God’s Kingdom on Earth.”**

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER SEVEN

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CHAPTER EIGHT

PRAYERS FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPLOITS

How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! The holy stones lie scattered at the head of every street. The precious sons of Zion, worth their weight in fine gold, how they are regarded as earthen pots, the work of a potter's hands! Even jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young, but the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.... Those who once feasted on delicacies perish in the streets; those who were brought up in purple embrace ash heaps—

Lamentation 4:1-5

There comes a time when we need to take steps to restructure our lives; when we need to rebuild our lives and today is the day - a day that the Lord has made and you shall rejoice and be glad in it, Psalms 118:24. The book of Lamentation 4:1-5, quoted above explains that our lives can be glorious when God is on our side.

We often feel so disappointed when we spend so much time trying to achieve something and it fail to bear fruit. If we are to labour all the days of our life in the hot sun and in the wetness of the rain, only to have no reward then we are doom to fail. If you see yourself labouring so hard, you will discover in most cases that you are labouring for the devil, and you end up spending your hard earned money on things that does not glorify God - like paying debts for sinful relatives, settling disputes, caring for people who end up spending your money to support Satan's course of womanizing, curing illness in the hospitals, drunkenness etc. God's blessings don't add sorrow to the recipients, it rather bring joy everlasting. Today let's sing a different song because the children of God sang to the Lord when He took them out of the land of Egypt - a land of bondage through the Red Sea, and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire. You are not different; God through his infinite mercy, which comes to unite you with Christ, will prove himself as you submit to Him this day.

In Isaiah 40:2, God released a word of healing to the Israelites - a word and a prophecy to heal their wounds. Hear His word of prophecy: *Speak tenderly to the people of Jerusalem. Announce to them that their hard service has been completed. Tell them that their sin has been paid for. Tell them I have punished them enough for all of their sins.*

Your warfare has ended today. God will speak to you kindly because you have been chosen as a vessel through which He is going to silent the kingdom of hell concerning your situation forever. All you need to do is to decree that thing and watch it come to pass as it is written in the book of Job 22:28: *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

The way God has set boundary between the sea and the desert, this is how God shall set a boundary between you and your affliction as from today. Those Egyptians you use to see, you shall see them no more. Say goodbye to poverty, sickness, un-productivity, stagnation, confusion and spiritual waywardness.

The Lord is speaking to every youth who have become wayward for no reason - that today enough is enough. Anyone who has taken your name to somewhere so that your parents will regret why they gave birth to you have failed because they shall see you rise and shine.

KNOW YOUR PURPOSE ON EARTH

Many of us don't know the reason why God created us yet. If you don't know your purpose on Earth then you cannot fully realise and live your destiny. Satan brings

confusion into your life to enable you miss the light of God in you.

One afternoon in 2006, a pastor visited our home and God spoke through him about His purpose for me. In the words of prophecy, he opened my eyes and made me realise I was not yet on the track God wanted me to be. He also informed my wife of God's purpose for her and why we were brought together in marriage. I was opportune to be told at the right time. How many people have this rare opportunity? Since then I have prayed for God's leading on the path He has destined for me and today I can see the hand of God in my life. Beloved of God, you need to pray against every angel of Satan that is coming against your purpose on Earth. Satan does this by building a wall of seclusion between you and your divine destinations. These walls are what seem to get you busy to the extent you would forget your course in life on daily basis; something, aside from God that will always occupy your mind. Events that happen around you and often catch your fancy are fashioned after Satan's motives in most cases, and they are tailored towards ensuring that they stand as a lifetime barrier on your path to glory.

Every human being is created for a purpose. The people you meet daily are all for a purpose. The reason you are here on Earth today is for a purpose, and the reason why you will live to see another day is also for a purpose.

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Jesus Christ made us to know His purpose on Earth in John 12:27: *My heart is troubled. What should I say? Father, save me from this hour?* No. *This is the very reason I came to this hour* (NIV).

There is a reason for everything and you need to pray and believe God for perfection today and always, God is going to use you mightily, and He will cause a wonderful and significant change in your life. The kind of testimonies that will come your way will be marvellous and the Earth won't be able to take them from you because the living Jesus dwells in you.

Pray also that God should quicken you to know your purpose on Earth so that you no longer perambulate. Jesus Christ said, *for this reason I came to die so that sinners might be saved*. Why did God create you? Speak to God about it. You must know your purpose on Earth.

Pray to God; let Him grant you according to the desire of your heart as long as it satisfies His divine will for your life. Pray that God should enable you to fulfil your purpose on Earth. In the university a failed course is referred to as, "carry over," and until it is passed, the student will not be graduated and awarded a degree - in some cases the student is rusticated. In the same way an unfulfilled earthly purpose is a carry over - it is the reason for stagnation and lack of productivity in people's lives.

TURN EVERY CURSE
INTO BLESSING

God cursed Cain in the Bible because he murdered Abel, his brother, and he pleaded with God as if saying, “Ha! This curse is too much for me to bear,” and God almighty had mercy on him and accursed everyone that will ever lay a hand on him. This account can be seen in Genesis 4:13-15: *And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.*

Which means every curse upon us as a result of our disobedience can be reversed if only we can surrender to God. The Holy Bible also recorded that one among the grandchildren of Cain was the first to play the harp and flute thereby pioneering the act of music. One of his grandsons was an instructor of every crafts, the bronze and iron, etc. There is no reason why you cannot prosper. If God can have mercy on Cain whom He had cursed and his grandsons can achieve that much, I don't see that thing that has made you not to prosper. In Isaiah 1:18, He says: *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the*

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Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

God has made so many promises concerning our destiny. He said we should be the head and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:13). He also said be “fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 9:1), and that season time and harvest time shall not cease (Genesis 8:22). We have seen that season time still exist though greatly being affected by weather changes but fruitfulness, multiplication, and harvest time have become major problem to our living thereby making it difficult for us to experience the peace of God. There is a reason for this. We may have been under a curse as a result of our past lives or what our forefathers did.

God can turn curses into blessings for you as explained further in Deuteronomy 23:5: *However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you* (NIV).

Pray that every curse in your life be turned into a blessing. I want you to pray with all sincerity of heart.

CLAIM YOUR BLESSINGS NOW

The following are some of the blessings in the Bible that God has freely given to you. I have decided to include

these verses below as rendered in the New International Version (NIV) of the Holy Bible because of the flavour in the translation.

- **Ephesians 1:3:** *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*
- **Exodus 23:25:** *Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.*
- **Malachi 3:10:** *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”*
- **Zechariah 8:13:** *“As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.”*
- **Proverbs 24:25:** *But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them.*
- **Isaiah 44:3:** *For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.*
- **John 1:16:** *From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.*
- **Psalms 24:5:** *He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Saviour.*

- **Romans 15:29:** *I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.*
- **Ezekiel 34:26:** *I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.*
- **Genesis 12:2:** *I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*
- **Leviticus 25:21:** *I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years.*
- **Deuteronomy 28:8:** *The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.*

They are many; all you need to do is to claim them. Pray – ‘God I claimed all the blessings in the Bible.’ They are for you. God has said so many good things concerning you. They are yours for the asking. Ask Him now, and He will give them to you. Also pray and decree against every spirit of sorrow that will make you shed tears before you can receive your blessings.

YOU NEED WISDOM TO ACHIEVE

Without wisdom, knowledge is useless. You need wisdom to manage your finances and live a happy life. Ecclesiastes 7:12 is an eye opener here: *For wisdom is a*

defence as money is a defence, But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

You are dead without wisdom. Jephthah was a mighty man of valour but lack of wisdom in vow making made him to lose his daughter (Judges 11:30 – 39), as taught in Ecclesiastes 5:1-2. Pray that God should give you the spirit of wisdom. The Bible indicates that your light must shine before men so that they shall see your good works and glorify God in heaven (Matthew 5:16). You need wisdom before your light can shine - shining beyond human understanding. If people don't praise God for your sake then you are robbing God of His hard earned Glory through the death of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

YOUR SUN MUST NOT GO DOWN

This is the power of achievement. Your sun must beam with the passion for success. In Isaiah 60:20 God spoke to the Israelites thus: *Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.*

Before this proclamation was released upon the Israelites, God said to them "Arise and shine" (Isaiah 60:1). This implies that the reason behind their inability to Arise and shine before now was because their *sun had*

gone down. Once your sun goes down, you are no near success than someone swimming across the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to America. We need to ask God to give us light - we all need His light to achieve. We must pray for the light of God to shine on us from now henceforth. There is a supernatural light from God referred to in Revelation 22:5: *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, FOR THE Lord GOD GIVES THEM LIGHT. And they shall reign forever and ever (emphasis mine)*

When the Lord God gives you His light, no rain or cloud can stop it from shining. You can see that you need this light as much as I do, and every child of God must seek the Light from God's throne in order to excel so that we can shine and be productive. When you receive this light, whatsoever you do become attractive, there will be no more obscurity in your vocation and you will become announced, and even if your business is hidden somewhere in the street, customers will come looking for you to patronise you. You don't need a big signpost or billboard to announce your business, all you need is the light from God. You know what Satan does? Satan will make sure that he blocks every ray of light that should have fallen on you from heaven. And when this happens, you no longer have any light to reflect. It is the reflected light that people see and know that a source of light is there because it cannot be put under a bushel (Mathew 5:15). Now when God's light falls on you, there

are two things that happens, some energy get absorbed and refracted inside of you causing the kind of positive change in your life that you can hardly explain, such as a brand new spirit, a brand new strength, a brand new wisdom etc, which is beyond human comprehension. Then there is the reflected part of this supernatural light which covers you outwardly announcing you before people - the kind of Moses' shining face after his encounter with God in Exodus 34:29-35. This bundle of reflected God's light is what people see everywhere you go. So when Satan blocks you from receiving this light, you will struggle until you are dead without results. And when there are no results to show for your many years on Earth, no man will see your good work because there is no good work to show and people cannot glorify God for your sake, implying that you have no reward of God. This is the battle Satan is fighting day and night to ensure that no one glorifies God for your sake, and you cannot continue helping him to destroy yourself. Render your heart to God and ask God to fill you with His glorious light.

ASK FOR DIVINE INCREASE

God is not happy when we pass through suffering because: *The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it* - Proverbs 10:22.

Hear God speak also in Exodus 3:7-8: *And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.*

As long as the Israelites were under the burden of slavery, they never saw upliftment and increase. At sometime their male children were killed because Pharaoh anticipated a revolt. The enemy is watching to see that you don't increase because if you do, you will become a threat to him. This is why even in your work place, there is this struggling for recognition and people go as far as visiting all manner of spiritualists to help them secure positions of authority because, in authority lies the power to influence. I want you to also know that what takes us into slavery in most cases don't appear to be so *ab initio* just like Jacob and his family went into Egypt rejoicing because they were been saved from famine; they never saw that migration into Egypt as a transition into slavery that will last for over 400 years.

You or your parents or forefathers may have wasted your increase - as many indeed wasted money on concubines and in gambling. Let's take a look at what Abraham did in the Bible. God promised him and his

descendants the entire universe as recorded in Genesis 13:14-15: *And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.*

This promised blessing was meant for the seed God was going to give to Abraham and Sarah, his wife. Impatience made Sarah to offer Abraham her handmaid who became pregnant and bore a Son Ishmael (Genesis 16:1-4). Later on after Sarah's death, Abraham also married Keturah whose children, he settled with gifts sending them away from Isaac towards the east (Genesis 25:1-6). Today these Sons, which were not God's promise to Abraham, are some of the major challenges of Christianity because they worship all manner of idols and practice various religions, and continuously fighting the Christian faith. All Abraham had were for Isaac but Abraham ended up decreasing Isaac's assets by robbing him to settle his other children who till date are still battling with Isaac's seeds including you and me.

When we waste the resources God gave to us, we end up robbing our unborn generations. Today the world is talking of sustainable development, about green energy so that our children's children can have something to live on.

We need to take it more than the level of seeing sustainable initiatives as an international call to safeguard the environment, and start applying it to our lives. We must not waste God's resources. Some of us end up buying houses and cars for concubines or mistresses outside our marriages. Has it dawn on those who engage in this act that they are wasting someone's inheritance, their children and their children's children till the world ends?

In the same way our parents have robbed us of our increase through the kind of religion they subscribed to. When we experienced stagnation in our life, we end up robbing God of everything - His Glory (Matthew 5:16) and his offerings and tithes (Malachi 3:7). You need divine promotion to support God's work - that is why Satan will keep fighting your finances so that you cannot support God's work, and be blessed by God. You need to heal yourself of this sickness of stagnation by honouring God's word in Malachi 3:7-10: *Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the Lord of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour*

out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

We need to pray for divine increase in all ramification of our life and also ask God to enlarge our coast beyond measure as He did to Jabez in 1 Chronicles 4:10: *Now Jabez was more honourable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.*

God know your sorrows but you need to ask Him for intervention. Paul told us that God would not allow the temptation that is greater than us to come upon us (1 Corinthians 10:13). If you are experiencing a challenge you feel is beyond your strength, allow God to come in. Don't try to struggle it out all alone before you get drowned.

PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE

Deliverance starts with you. You must have a change of heart first before you can be delivered. You need to pray for deliverance from trouble (Psalms 34:15-22), and also pray for deliverance from poverty (Proverb 30:7-9). Pray fervently that God should deliver you from the hands of

your oppressors and bring you out of stagnation. Ask God to position you to receive your blessing - to promote you so that your land can flow with milk and honey. Pray that God should lift you out of bondage and out of the claws of Satan.

We need to pray that God should create fear in our enemy when they see us so that we can talk to them with boldness (Acts 4:31). In the book of Exodus 7:1, God had to make Pharaoh see Moses as god so that the presence of Moses alone can intimidate him: *So the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh..."*

When we carry the personality of God, our enemies find it difficult to look into our eyes and they become afraid of us.

Pray to be healed from any illness because by His stripes you are healed (Isaiah 53:5). If you are still sick after this prayer meet the church elders or your pastors to anoint you and declare healing upon you (James 5:14-15).

PRAY FOR PERFECTION

You also need to pray for perfection. But before you pray this prayer, you need to know the meaning of your name and the name people normally refer to you because of your character and behaviour. When you pray that

God should perfect all that concerns you, the name you are known with will also be perfected to bear fruits of respect and honour. King David prayed for perfection in Psalms 138:8: *The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me...*

ASK PERSISTENTLY-
DON'T LET GO

In Genesis 32:26-29 we learn from Jacob's encounter with God not to let go until our desires are met: *And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.*

We can see from the text above that Jacob held God until He blessed him. Why are you weary? Hold Him tight - don't let Him go until He blesses you. There is this slogan "Pray Until Something Happen (PUSH)". Always be on your knees and pray fervently. He is not deaf. He will answer you. Press on until you can touch His garment: Meet a servant of God and let him counsel and pray with you, your faith will bring healing and deliverance to your soul.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped (Luke 8:43, 44)

This woman pressed on until she touched His garment and healing came her way. Right from the day she had an encounter with Jesus, and right there she stopped being doctors' experimental guinea pig and test specimen.

REPENT OF YOUR SINS

At this junction, you need to search your heart, if there is anything you have done to offend the Lord. Have you gone astray from His divine path? That is exactly what Satan will do, he knows that he has lost the battle, so he is now preparing to go and show God all the evidence of the sins you committed. We have to behave like Job in true repentance. In the book of Job 42:6, Job said: *Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes.* And in John 3:5 Christ told us we must repent before God can show up in our life: *Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

When Jonah delivered God's message to the inhabitants of Nineveh in the book of Jonah chapter 3, they

repented of their sins and God had mercy upon them. Pray so that God in his infinite mercy can have mercy upon you; let your sins not speak against you. You must be sorrowful for the sins you have committed and seek His forgiveness as explained in 2 Corinthians. 7:10: *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*

Tell God you are sincerely sorry for all the sins you have committed and that He should have mercy on you and wash you of your sins - Psalms 51:2: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

This is King David's confession and this is why God told Paul that His grace was sufficient for him to carry on in the book of 2 Corinthians 12:9. Without His grace you are nowhere near perfection. Pray for God's preservation and sanctification of your spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Pray for His grace upon your life. God is the only He that can clear you from all your sins.

YOU ARE
FREE!

You are sure of freedom after your confession above. You are free from bondage, pains, and oppression. I pray and decree that you receive your blessing, receive your peace, receive your freedom, receive prosperity, and receive dominion in Jesus name - Amen. In the book of

Job 11:17 the Bible said: *And your life would be brighter than noonday. Though you were dark, you would be like the morning.*

And in Isaiah 60:1 the word of God came forth thus: *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is raised upon you*

I stand on top of Mount Gerizim in the spirit of Deuteronomy 11:29 to proclaim blessing upon your life, and in the authority in this proclamation to say to you “the darkness in your life has become morning,” therefore “Arise and shine for your light has come” in Jesus name. Amen.

REFLECTION

You cannot be free until you know how to apply God’s word. Jesus Christ defeated Satan when he went to tempt Him with the word of God. There is power in the word. Study your Bible more often and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit who will take you through and reveal the heart of God to you. I expect to hear your testimony of victory – Shalom!

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER EIGHT

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CHAPTER NINE

APPEARING BEFORE GOD

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed – Eccl. 5:1-4

This chapter draws its main message from the books of:

- **Psalms 42:2:** *My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? And,*
- **1 Chronicles 13:3:** *And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.*

Appearing before God is a ritual and a way of life on its own. Anytime you feel like communing with your creator is when you want to appear before Him.

The table below is the one I use in spending time with God. You can start with this, and then modify to suite your timing.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD		
Time	Description	Action
5:00am - 5:30am	Praising His awesomeness in the cool of the morning breeze and Dedicating of the day's activity. You may decide to do it outside to feel the cool morning breeze	Prayer/ Praise
9:00am - 9:05am	Read a Psalms of praise back to Him. Tell Him what you feel for Him in adoration and total submission	Praise
12:00noon - 12:30pm	It is noontime – half of the workday is gone. Tell Him thank you for allowing you cross over to the other half of the workday. Thank Him for all that transpired while you worked	Prayer/ Praise
4:00pm - 4:05pm	Read another Psalms of Praise	Praise
6:00pm - 6:30pm	Thank Him for the day. You are probably now at home. Call the family together or a neighbour and worship Him together	Prayer/ Praise
9:00pm - 9:05pm	Read a Psalms of praise after which you should take a rest while reading your bible and meditating	Praise
11:55 pm - 12:30am	Thank Him for allowing you see a new day and take control of the new day	Prayer/ Praise

Here we would see how we could have time with God on a daily basis. You will see the results once you start communing with Him persistently. It has worked for me and it will work for you too. You need continuous fellowship with God so that you can know Him better.

In a gathering of two or more people with the sole aim of praying or studying or discussing the word of God, He is right there waiting to be welcomed and recognised the way Abraham did to the Angels in Genesis 18:1-8.

All Believers need to see this exercise as a daily routine. In your tight daily busy schedule, create time for this. King David is an example for us to emulate in this aspect of surrendering to the will of God apart from Christ. David said he praises God seven times a day (Psalms 119:164) and prays three times a day (Psalms 55:17).

THE LIKENESS OF GOD

We need to know how God looks like before we can know how to appear before Him - His personality and likeness. We will find the answer in the Bible. Let's take a look at the following Bible verses:

- **Exodus 24:10, 17:** *And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.*

And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel

- **Revelation 4:5:** *And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

There is no doubt, God's presence is awesome and glorious - it is a sight to behold and a memoir to keep for the rest of one's life. This is the God you want to appear in His presence. Are you sure you can wear that dress you call body hug or that half naked dress into His presence? Let's find out.

APPEARANCE BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

God's presence is known as Shekinah. The presence of God is full of power and His glory is always awesome. It is a sight the Israelites never wanted to see again when He spoke to them in the midst of the cloud as recorded in Exodus 20:18-19: *And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.*

His presence brings relief to your life and lightens your burden. This is why you must purge yourself of sin and any form of imperfection in your life prior to your appearance before Him. God has spoken to me when I am not properly dressed, and I am approaching the altar, “Is this how you want to appear before me,” and when I am well dressed and I have a burden in my heart to settle with Him, He will softly say, “approach.”

Why did God request only Moses to be with Him at the top of the mountain Exodus 24:1-2?

And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

There are some people God still don't answer their prayers – unrepentant sinners. We are expected to put on true repentance whenever we are before the Lord and not the two seconds call to repentance, which we only do by shedding crocodile tears, and sooner we would go out and commit the worst sins ever. See what the Lord says – Matthew 11:21: *Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have **repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.*** When I approach Him with the burden of these sets of people, He will ask me “Do

you think they love Me? They only came to try you out if they will be blessed after which they will run away; their hearts are not for Me, so don't answer them." Sometime He will say to me "don't bother to pray for them because I will not answer, let them repent from their evil ways first." Moses is said to be the most humble man in the world in his days as recorded in the book of Numbers 12:3: *Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.*

We must ensure that our hearts are not polluted before and while we are in His presence. In Mark 7:21-23, Jesus Christ explained what can pollute our heart: *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

I want you to take note of these heart pollutants because they have robbed you of God's blessings for too long and we must do away with them. They are the fruits of the devil.

GOD DETESTS YOUR NAKEDNESS BEFORE HIS ALTAR

God spoke to Moses in Exodus 28:42-43 concerning the kind of dress code Aaron and his sons must wear before they can appear before His presence to minister to Him

and the congregation: *And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.*

Today we see all manner of dresses in church, especially sisters who go in miniskirts into the house of God - there is death awaiting them if they do not desist.

That is why things don't seem to work for them because they have bagged a curse and any man who marries them is doomed for life, because there is a curse unto death that they bear as a result of going naked in God's presence. God begged Moses to properly dress Aaron and his sons so that they don't receive a curse in the process of rendering service to Him.

1 Timothy 2:8-9; also sets a standard for us and we must observe them: *I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array...*

When you dress to church try not to draw attention to yourself in the house of God, thereby distracting people

from hearing His word. Women are to dress decently. We should come to God in readiness to appreciate Him and render a heartfelt worship unto His glorious name, and not a time for fashion parade.

Deuteronomy 22:5 also forbids women from putting on men apparel: *The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.*

A lady once asked me, what is a man's apparel? Well we all have eyes; whatsoever kind of clothing you see a man put on around your vicinity is a man's apparel. Some women even go to the extent of wearing their husband's trousers.

This is not fair, why can't we just do what is right - why the argument? We have argued for ages with the coming of modern civilisation, and things are getting worse day and night - God no longer listen to us, we are deceived day and night by fake pastors who are after our money. Simple obedience not to wear a man's apparel or not to appear naked before God has become an issue for debate. This is really not fair and the devil is happy because he has set a lot of confusion in society, which we are now arguing about instead of serving God. God will have mercy upon us. Appearing before God requires faith, which is the only substance through which we can please God (Hebrew 11:6). The entire Hebrew chapter

11 explains what faith is and how we can apply this substance of God's kingdom into our day-to-day life.

We cannot benefit from God's eternal blessings if sin placates our existence. Sin makes your anointing to stink (Ecclesiastes 10:1). Dead flies make the ointment smell. Dead flies include whatever will pollute your spirit being as explained in Mark 7:21-23.

THE SIN MODEL

The model below was revealed to me on the 14th of June 2005 at about 2:00am. When you meditate on this piece you will have a better understanding why our faith cannot move mountain because it is now smaller than the mustard seed standard as a result of the multitude of sins in our environment.

A MODEL OF HOW SIN CAN PREVENT THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY IN YOUR LIFE

I went to bed on the 13/06/05. Just then this mathematical model (The sin model) was revealed to me as a continuation of an earlier mathematical model revealed to me in 1993.

This is as shown below in the next page:

$$Y = \alpha + \gamma\beta$$

Where:

Y = your spiritual life

α = Alpha, representing the Holy Spirit

γ = the sinful spirit in you

β = your body, the temple of the living God, which we always sin with, and in this model, it takes a value of 0,1,2...etc.

After this dream, I was reminded of an earlier dream in 1993 where these numbers represented conditions that prevents the Holy Spirit from dwelling in us as shown below:

Born again (no sin) = 0

1st sinful condition = a

2nd sinful condition = 2a

3rd sinful condition = 3a

4th sinful condition = 4a

5th sinful condition = 5a, etc

“a” represents Christian faith level.

The numbers above shows how sin is recorded. At level 5, the person in question is already rubbished in sin. One

can now asked why up to level 5, the truth is that sin is a chain occurrence because one sin leads to another and before we know it we are in about 10 sinful conditions within one minute or so. These include abusing people, putting on a sad look, immorality, smoking, drinking alcohols, backbiting, etc.

Now, going back to the model,

$$Y = \alpha + \gamma\beta$$

Your spiritual life (Y) is a function of how you keep your Body (β) from sin and thereby allowing the sinful spirit in you to be replaced with the Holy Spirit.

Hence mathematically,

$$Y = f(\alpha, \gamma, \beta)$$

THE EFFECT OF SIN ON THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY IN YOUR LIFE

Sinful conditions are the heart pollutants referred to in Mark 7:21-23. Each of the elements in that list has the potential to derail the path to your destiny.

Let's take a look at how sin affects your Christian faith.

1. No sin life (The Born Again life)

At this stage, β is 0 because you have no sin in you and our model result will be,

$$Y = \alpha + \gamma(0)$$

Therefore, $Y = \alpha$

Which implies that your life is fully controlled by the Holy Spirit. This is the kind of life every Christian should live.

2. 1st sinful condition

Here, β is 1 representing the 1st sinful condition. The model result yields as follows:

$$Y = \alpha + \gamma\beta \quad \text{where } (\beta = 1)$$

Therefore, $Y = \alpha + \gamma$

This implies that the sinful spirit in you is conflicting with the Holy Spirit purpose in your life. This is typical of many Believers who realise their sin quickly and repent with their heart, thus allowing an occasional switch of “ β ” between 0 and 1. The sinful condition in this category includes hatred, frowning appearance, gossip, backbiting, etc.

These actions should be discouraged so as to attain a wholly Holy Spirit controlled life. The truth is that no sin happens alone; it drags along other dimensions of sins thus creating an environment that makes us sinful.

Since the 1st sinful condition can prevent us from benefiting from the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our life, we cannot give room to any other form of sinful condition; rather we should strive to live a “No sin life,” so that we can experience the Holy Spirit in His fullness.

EFFECT OF SIN ON YOUR FAITH

Let’s recap on the information in the introductory part of this write up, that is:

Born again (no sin) = 0

1st sinful condition = a

2nd sinful condition = 2a

3rd sinful condition = 3a

4th sinful condition = 4a

5th sinful condition = 5a, etc

But when we sin whether once, twice or a hundred times, we sin with only one body. Thus from the representation above:

a = 11st sin level

$a + 2a = 1$2nd sin level, then: $a = 1/3 = 0.333$

$a + 2a + 3a = 1$3rd sin level, then: $a = 1/6 = 0.17$

.....etc.

Where: a = faith level

Which means that the sins you commit are summed up in an arithmetical order and always equals to 1 (same body used). The graph in the next page shows the decay of your faith as you indulge in more sins.

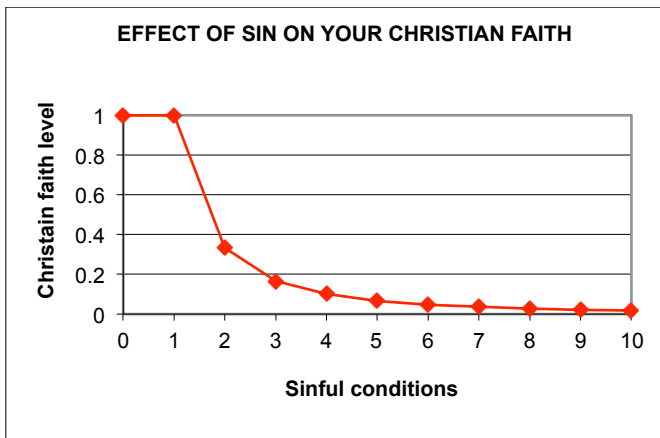


Figure 1: Effect of sin on a Believer's faith

From the graph above, your faith is only in agreement with God's purpose when you live a "No sin life" which corresponds to a Christian faith level of 1 (united with

God). Once you allow sinful thoughts into your life (e.g. hatred), you are already experiencing the 1st sinful condition as shown in section a, we earlier discussed. And you will begin to experience conflict within yourself as the sinful spirit in you tries to prevent the Holy Spirit from perfecting God's purpose in your life, but if you realise this and ask for forgiveness and strengthen your faith in God, you return to your initial "No sin life", because you are now a new creature again.

Many born again Believers oscillate between 0 and 1 sinful conditions hence you still see a plateau (points 0 - 1) in the graph above. If however, you don't realize that a sinful thought could lead you away from God's presence, the sinful condition increases to level 2 (e.g. quarrelling, fighting etc). There is a sharp decline in your faith level as a Christian as shown above in the graph line between points 1 and 2 (see figure 1 above).

The line represents a steep slope and if you do not seek God's presence at this point, your faith decays further and gradually dies out. At this point you start experiencing crises in your life. Repentance at this level needs the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and you need to climb back the graph to your initial "No sin life" by an understanding of the word of God.

Don't be ashamed, God loves you and would restore you provided you have a repenting heart. The book of

Genesis made it clear when God spoke, let there be light after the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1,2:3). So if you want the light of God in your life, you must open up for the Holy Spirit to move upon your life.

WHILE IN HIS PRESENCE

This is a time to repent, and a time to praise and worship the Lord. A time you have been waiting for to yield your heart to Him. “When shall I come to appear before God,” was David’s utmost desire as seen in Psalms 42:2, which explains the fact that appearing before God is a rare privilege and no wise individual will want to throw away this rare opportunity. While in His presence you have an opportunity to do the following and restructure your life.

- Repent and show remorse for your sins - ask the Holy Spirit to purge you. Pray for God to create in you a clean heart so that you can worship Him.
- Praise Him for His glorious presence, and acknowledge His divine manifestation. Render your heart to Him in total worship. Soak yourself in His waterfall - in the abundance of His Holy Spirit. Be filled with His divine presence; experiencing His frenzy touch when your deep (human spirit) call on

His deep (Holy Spirit) and exhale for joy. The tears may be flowing by now and the tongues babbling with so much energy.

- Be calm in your Spirit while you make your confessions before Him in prayer and supplication. Ask for His blessings upon your life. Tell Him if He does not bless you, you may find it difficult to carry on because you are weak in Spirit - there is never enough, ask for more. Ask for the fullness of His seven spirits and God will give your heart desire to you. Seek His glorious kingdom first among other things. You may allow background music with lyrics singing of God's faithfulness, awesome glory and power. The music tempo should be serene, say about 60 beats per minute.
- Keep a moment of silence after your heart pouring prayers and hear Him speak to you. You will not mince words; you will know He is the one speaking.
- Appreciate Him before you leave. Rejoice in your spirit because your desires have been answered. He is a king with enormous wealth stored in abundance; He cannot deny you anything if you are His; if you are called by His name and you obey and do His commands.

LEAVING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Don't leave His presence in a hurry. This is a command for Believers in Ecclesiastes 8:3: *Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him.*"

Many of us run out of church immediately after service as if someone is pursuing us. We should thank God for His word today. In most cases we run out because we were not happy with the message, or the message has touched the negative things we do. It is for your own good that you spend some time to regurgitate the message that was ministered, let there be a sign of remorse in your face, let it show that you are ready to put on a new leaf. Don't wallow in sin as if sin has become your mattress and pillows. It also shows that you are confident that you have received what you prayed for and that the moment you had in His presence was refreshing and worthwhile.

REFLECTION

You can only be seen as truly repented from your old life if you render your heart to God. In the book of Jonah 2:8 we know that we are denied the grace of God when we turn away from Him: *Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs* (NIV).

We all need God's grace to sustain our spiritual growth. Christ explained to us in the book of John chapter 14:21 that unless we do His commandments, we do not love Him: *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.*"

If you don't love Him and do His commandment, then you have not truly repented and not until you obey his command, God will not love you and Christ will not manifest in your life. Which means you will be dead alive without the Holy Spirit of God manifesting His gifts in your life and you will become spiritually naked.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER NINE

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CHAPTER TEN

SUBSTANCE OF SUPERNATURAL INHERITANCE

Howbeit the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: ...and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel: And of all my sons, (for the Lord hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father – 1 Chronicles 28:4-6

Supernatural inheritance is likened to a receipt God has given to you so that you can take possession of what is rightly yours. God gives you authority to inheritance to show His love and care towards you. Therefore inheritance means a receipt of properties, a will in your favour. It is a heavenly legal right to your possessions encapsulated in what we refer to as the human destiny.

It is a command and a proclamation of blessings in your favour as seen in Isaiah 61:6: *But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast*

It is a reward for being faithful to God. It is God's own way of compensating His faithful servants and children who have sacrificed their lives for the course of His heavenly kingdom made manifest through His spoken and written word on Earth. It is their reward.

These rewards are not going to fall from heaven, they are in the hands of some people and God will cause them to release them to you. Isaiah 61:6 gave us an insight into where the wealth will come from. They are from the Gentiles; the unbelievers are supposed to labour for you while you ride on horses like a prince will do.

BELIEVER'S RIGHT TO INHERITANCE

So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And the Lord blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had - 1 Chronicles 13:13-14

These verses of the Bible above made it clear that God is always in the business of blessing His children only if they know what to do. We have a right to God's blessings, but we must acknowledge His person and accept Him into our life the way Obed-Edom accepted the ark of God into his home. You receive blessings when you open your home for the fellowship of the brethren.

We have a right to Abraham's inheritance because we belong to Jesus Christ as recorded in Romans 8:16-19: *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

This is our right and a receipt handed down to us so that we can possess what rightly belong to us. This is the legal document showing that we are entitled to a portion of the promises of God to Abraham.

WHAT IS NOT INHERITANCE

The gods of unbelievers, their shrines, bad attitudes and characters are ungodly and are not meant for your

inheritance. All the things they do are demonic and you must avoid them.

Anything against what is written in Philippians 4:8 below is not inheritance and you must avoid them: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

CRITERIA TO ENJOYING GOD'S INHERITANCE

Repentance is key to receiving from God. God releases us to a reprobate mind when we are in sin (Romans 1:28). You must obey altar calls and if you have not received Christ into your life, this book may become a mere literature material for you because you will not have the spiritual eyes to see beyond your nose.

You can make the confession on the last page of this book, and then find a spirit filled church to belong. Pray for God's leading. You can also call the number on the last page or send us an email requesting for counselling.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God gave us a standard to supernatural increase: *If My people who are called by My name will HUMBLE themselves, and PRAY and SEEK MY FACE, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS,*

then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (emphases mine).

If the land is sick, it cannot yield healthy fruits and our inheritance will become scanty. Our repentance will make God heal our land and open doors for increase. The following are some actions you need to take to receive from God.

YOU MUST BE BLAMELESS BEFORE GOD

From the Bible verses below, we can see that God wants us to fear Him and do His will on Earth.

- **Psalms 119:80:** *Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.*
- **Deuteronomy 18:13:** *You shall be blameless before the Lord your God.*

This seems difficult, but our righteousness is hinged on our relationship with Christ. You must be born again to sustain God's supernatural increase and flow. In the book of Philippians 2:15 we are also told to be blameless: ... *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...*

As Believers you must not be found in the midst of unbelievers trying to do what they do. You have no path together, their path is wide and yours is strait (Matthew 7:13). Even as Christ has died for our sins, we need not grieve Him anymore.

He has done enough for us; all we need do is make Him happy by obeying and doing His commands. When we fear God He will surely bless us above our expectation. We can see how He blessed the Egyptian midwives because they feared Him and spared the lives of the Hebrew new born sons in Exodus 1:15-21:

And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrab, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

In verse 21, God provided houses for them. In other words they stopped being tenants and became property owners. God established them because they revere Him. God can do the same for you and even more if you can fear Him and regard Him and His Glory today.

BE PREPARED
ALWAYS

God may want you to offer a sacrifice to receive blessing from Him, and if you are not readily prepared, someone else may steal your blessing before you know it. Isaac was prepared to bless Esau in Genesis 27:2-4: *Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. And make me savoury food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."*

He had informed Esau to get him meat to eat; before Esau could get it from his games hunting because the meat was not available, Jacob had snatched away his blessing. You can see Esau's agony in verses 30-34: *Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. He also had made savoury food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me." And his father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" So*

he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him and indeed he shall be blessed." When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me also, O my father!"

If you are not ready at that material time, God will give the blessing to someone else. You can't keep God waiting. Esau was busy in the bush looking for the meat to prepare for his father whereas Jacob got the meat within their home.

This is the same way many of us ran out of this country in search of greener pastures to become house helps in the UK and the US, and only to come back to discover that those we left behind have taken over every sphere of society and we begin to wallow in shame, rejection and dejection. This is why you must keep watch, and monitor every spiritual signal you sense around or inside of you so that you can know when you need to Release To Receive (RTR).

WAIT FOR THE NEXT INSTRUCTION

When God blesses us and provides for us, especially when we receive bonuses or have increased harvest more

than we used to experience, we should not be in a hurry to start spending or consuming the increase because God may one day request for that increase as a free will offering to Him.

He can do this by informing us directly through our vision, dreams or deep thoughts to give to His work and He might also use His servants to make such requests. If we consume the increase He gave us before He demands it from us we may not have that special offering to give to Him when He needs it.

We might just be robbed of an opportunity to be blessed through this channel. In the book of Exodus 3:21-22 God promised Moses of an increase when the Israelites will be leaving the land of Egypt, because as slaves it is understood that they will be having little to leave with, especially expensive items such as Gold, Silver etc.: *And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbour, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.*

Then further down in Exodus 11:2, Moses waited for God's instruction before he told the Israelites to do so: *Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from*

his neighbour and every woman from her neighbour, articles of silver and articles of gold.

And we were informed that they obeyed Moses and collected jewelleries made of gold and silver in Exodus 12:35-36: *Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. And the Lord had given the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.*

Later in Exodus 25:1-8, God informed Moses to demand for a freewill offering including gold and silver which certainly is part of those they collected from Egypt to be used for the building of His sanctuary: *Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.*

Moses was still in the mountain communing with God when the children of Israel demanded that Aaron should fashion a god to lead them as recorded in Exodus 32:1-4:

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Certainly when it was time to build for God in Exodus 35, the stock of gold with them had reduced. They robbed God to please Satan, and anyone who pleases Satan instead of God is doomed. Such persons cannot see when good comes around - Jeremiah 17:5-6 because their heart is not with God: *Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited.*

In the same way we may have wasted the offering God is demanding from us, and in most cases we give them to Satan; drinking, womanizing, smoking or we are duped in business ventures by Satan minded individuals.

SOWING INTO
GOD'S WORK

Your freewill offering will cause God to release freely to you too. God respected Abel because of his offering - Genesis 4:4-7: *Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door....*

There is no magic about it - it is a cause and effect principle, give and you shall receive (Luke 6:38). You paid to buy your car, and many of us make savings while going hungry in order to travel abroad in search of greener pastures. God is in possession of a supernatural greener pasture, why look elsewhere?

The way you saved to buy air tickets and get visas, if you use that same vigour to sacrifice for the work of God, it will be better for you and your generations to come. We are still enjoying the blessings of Abraham till date, if Abraham had behaved like many of us who keep robbing God, what do you think would have happen to this world? We would have all perished.

I was prepared to buy another car so that my wife can ride in a separate car when one morning God spoke to me, "If you buy this car it will be for you and your family, but if you build the church, souls will be saved." When I saw that there was real need for another car, I wanted to neglect the voice, and I went to a car stand to get the price ranges for some brand of cars before I will make my choice, right there the voice bathed me until I ran back home and told my wife of the encounter, who advised we should better forego the car rather than incur God's wrath. This was how we channelled the money into the church building project.

Think about it, it pays to store your treasures in the Bank of Heaven, no inflation or economic recession will affect it. It will multiply beyond human understanding. This is evident in Matthew 6:19-21: *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

If your treasure is in the world, there your heart would be. While your heart is in the world you will neither please God nor receive from Him - simple logic. We should therefore guide what our eye sees, because our needs are determined by the interpretation of what we see or feel.

Jesus Christ gave us insight into what our eyes are to us in Matthew 6:22-23 when He said: *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!* Guide what your eye sees!

SUPPORT THE SERVANT OF GOD

God's servant's inheritance is your tithe. This is the portion of God's inheritance that He has given to you which He wants to receive back so that He can reward His faithful servants. We receive our inheritance from God through them. They spend hours and days fasting and praying for us so that it is well with us.

They intercede daily on our behalf before God so that our coast is enlarged and when God blesses us, many start running away. Let me tell us, God can cease the flow of His blessings upon our life if we have a greedy heart.

I was worried one evening about a brother who I no longer see in church weekly activities because he was always complaining that he was busy, right there a voice spoke to me, "do you want to take the oil back?" And few days later, the brother came to me asking for forgiveness, that a man in white apparel and a bright

shining face like the sun appeared to him in a dream and told him that what he was enjoying was from His servant - referring to me and that the flow of His blessing upon him will cease if he keep running away from Church service. I was astonished. This opened my eyes to the reason why many Believers experience downfall in their businesses.

It is a command to give and appreciate God through His servants by catering for their needs. We need to pray that God should open our eyes to see what many of us have been missing by not honouring His command to give to His servants. This is not fair - just 10% and many of us are arguing, what of the time you were unemployed and you hardly saw food to eat, what about months you had to spend 100% or more of your salary on sickness and family problems?

Now that God has answered - tithe has become a barrier between God, and us it is left for us. Satan is the one deceiving us and telling us not to pay tithe, He wants to maim us alive and it is high time we watched it. Many of us may frown our faces at this truth, but this is God's word as explained further in the book of Ezekiel 44:30: *The best of all the firstfruits and of all your special gifts will belong to the priests. You are to give them the first portion of your ground meal so that a blessing may rest on your household (NIV).*

The best of your first fruits belong to God and that is a ticket for you to receive His blessings. In Exodus 22:29 we are warned not to delay in releasing for God: *Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me*

DESIRE AND RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

You need the spirit of counsel to touch someone's life who will in turn be a blessing to you. My father once told me that whatever I need is in the eyes of the people I meet every day. When you counsel people rightly, they will remember you when they succeed. Every servant of God is a spiritual counsellor. If you counsel people and your counsel don't yield results, know that God's spirit of counsel is not in you. We read in the Bible how two young men, Joseph and Daniel were promoted in the books of Genesis 41:37-41: *So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."*

And Daniel 2:46-48: Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

You can see that what brought them to limelight was God's spirit of counsel. Both of them counselled the kings of their time and they were made governors. You must pray for God to ignite you with His Spirit of Counsel so that you can add value to governance. The world is crashing because leaders are leading without God's Spirit of counsel. That position is meant for God's children and not until we take over counselling of our leaders will they keep going astray. Counsel someone today in the fullness of God's Spirit of counsel and you will never regret you did.

WORK ON YOUR DEFICIENCIES

Jacob wanted his father to bless him, he was also aware that the blessing he desired was already meant for his brother, Esau. There was a striking difference between him and his brother because Esau was hairy while Jacob had a smooth skin.

When his mother told him of how to secure his blessings, he thought of his disadvantage and he said in Genesis 27:11-12: *And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing."*

This was why his mother had to specially dress him for the impartation - Genesis 27:15-16: *Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.*

Have you thought of that obstacle in front of you that will prevent you from succeeding? You must address it else it will undress you. This also reveals to us that those who rob us of our blessings actually do so by mimicking us. The way we have heard of forged signatures or piracy. Satan actually picks words from you as you speak to undo you.

THE BLESSINGS OF YOUR TESTIMONY

One day I stood by the gate of my house and I asked God, "Why did you bless me this much?" and He spoke without waiting for me to conclude, "Why won't I bless

you, when every little thing I do for you, you go on telling people how I have blessed you. The testimony of the child I gave to you is in the Internet and many people have been blessed through it.”

The voice was harsh and I ran quickly to inform my wife of the encounter. Those who shy away from sharing God’s testimonies in their lives are robbing Him as well as others of God’s intervention in their lives. If God has done something for you please go and testify because someone needs it to triumph. You are locking someone’s fortune if you lock up God’s testimony. Sharing our testimonies is one of the ways we can overcome Satan’s deceit in the lives of God’s children. In Revelation 12:11 we were told that our testimony is a successful weapon against the devices of devil: *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

A testimony is like an advert and the frequency of an advert affects the perception of consumers. A testimony is a tool for mass evangelization. Evildoers continue deceiving people and telling them how they are receiving promotions in their lives because of the cults they belong to. But many Believers find it difficult to open their mouths to say their testimonies.

There was a woman that was driving an old car, and one Sunday afternoon she came to my house with her

husband, the Lord asked me to make a pronouncement on her in the presence of her husband to cause a release of a new car through the husband. I obeyed and told her “you shall drive a new car before the end of this month,” and she said amen. True to God’s word, her husband bought her a brand new car before the end of that month.

When she wanted to testify, the husband stopped her from testifying. Even if the person is your wife, husband, brother etc, if God does not touch his/her heart, the person will not release for you - why eat God’s testimony. Give that testimony today and see God add more blessings to your life.

REFLECTION

We have been together in this discussion for some days now. There is a final note below which will guide you as you put to practice the knowledge and wisdom you have gained so far. Please take time to read them.

The things we desire from God should be those that will bring glory to His name. This is clearly explained below: *let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven* - Matthew 5:16.

Your light shining has no limit because it is this light that will open up vast opportunities before you. This light is Jesus Christ - Matthew 6:33: *but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Therefore in the bid to secure prosperity and wealth we should understand that without Jesus in our lives we will end up living for the devil.

We should not envy the prosperity of the foolish and wicked who makes wealth through devilish and satanic means and think we could get everything without Christ: *for I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked* - Psalms 73:3.

Wickedness and foolishness lead people to death: *Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?, It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all - There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death - Ecclesiastes 7:17-18, Proverbs 16:25.*

But we should rejoice in the way of the Lord, in the prosperity of the Lord, because He does not frown against your prosperity if it glorifies Him: *Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them*

say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant - Psalms 35:27

Abide in Him day and night: looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God - Hebrew 12:2.

Who has also given us peace: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid - John 14:27.

May the peace of the Lord dwell in you richly from this day henceforth. Amen.

PERSONAL NOTES ON CHAPTER TEN

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COVENANT CONFESSION

If you are not born again, you may have read this book as literary material and will not receive the spirit it carries. You can make a decision to correct that now by saying this covenant confession: Lord Jesus, I know now that you died for my sins. I believe and confess you as my Lord and Saviour. Please come into my life and dwell inside of me. If you just said this confession, you should locate a spirit filled church to fellowship with them – let the pastor know you just gave your life to Christ and you will be directed on what to do next. Salvation is a personal race and you must be serious with it.

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There was hardly anything he said that did not come to pass as he was growing. In 1994 he had a dream in which he received an orange which contained a bible with a red cover. Events continued dramatically until he started hearing voices telling him to go for rescue, as many souls were heading for destruction. Then it became clear to him that he was being called to carry out the task of restoring mankind back to Jesus.

In January 2006, he heard a voice telling him to read Isaiah 42. On reading to verse 6, he felt a deep force within him and started trembling and a voice said - 'I have called you'. As he read further he was getting immersed in the spirit of God and when he read verse 22, the voice said, 'this is your task'. Then on the 13th of October 2008, he heard a voice while driving: 'Service starts in your house on Sunday.' Events happened that were beyond his understanding and on Sunday 19th

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